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School Committee receives field trip proposal

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — On Wednesday, Aug. 20, the School Committee received presentations on a proposed Florida field trip, approved contracts and appointments, and discussed the permanent superintendent search.

Grade 6-12 Science Team Leader Julie Kim and high school physics teacher Marlene King described their proposed field trip to Florida under the committee's items for approval. Kim shared that she led two overseas field trips for high school students over the past two years, to Machu Picchu and the Galapagos

Islands. This year, she wanted to propose a more local field trip that only had to do with science.

King mentioned that she teaches physics and astronomy, so their field trip would be relevant to this year's curriculum. The field trip was titled "Ocean to Orbits." The students would visit the Kennedy Space Center for various activities such as a virtual reality space launch, the Daytona Beach Speedway for a behind-the-scenes view of mechanics, and the Mote Marine Laboratory & Aquarium to see ecosystems unique to Florida via a kayak tour.

They also planned sev-

eral visits to colleges in the area where students could participate in sessions and talk to students and counselors about careers in STEM. One college they would visit would host a game production workshop.

Kim stated that breakfast, lunch, and dinner would be included each of the five days on the trip, as well as stays at nice hotels and transportation via air-conditioned coach buses between places. This five-day trip would cost about \$1,919 per student including air fare and a single-day ticket for Universal Studios.

They could take around 40 students. It was plan-

ned for April 1-April 5, 2026. Kim pointed out that this would involve students missing two school days.

School Committee member Stephen Turner thanked Kim and King for planning a trip that's not international. He wondered if they had talked to any chaperones who led trips with this new group, as Wilmington was more familiar with international trip groups such as EF.

Kim shared that she had spoken with chaperones who have led trips and read great reviews from students who have participated with this group. She said that speaking with the chap-

erones made her feel more comfortable moving forward with the planning.

Turner said the trip sounded fantastic, but he also wondered if they had planned any ways for students to fundraise or be able to more easily afford this field trip. Kim replied that this was a great idea, and in the past they haven't really seen students need or participate in fundraising efforts before.

Dr. Mike Mercaldi also thanked the two teachers for planning a more affordable trip in the country. He said he'd love to hear more about the trip afterward.

The committee voted to

approve the field trip. They also accepted a donation from Alsym Energy of 25 gently used office chairs and one whiteboard to the middle school.

The committee later voted to ratify the contract for administrative assistants. Nicholas Golden shared on behalf of the negotiating team that the discussions were productive, and everyone involved was really smart and engaged.

They also voted to appoint interim Superintendent Dr. David Thomson to the SEEM Board. Thomson said that he had served in a similar

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Interim supt. reports on new elementary school project

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — The Wilmington School Committee welcomed interim Superintendent Dr. David Thomson to his first official meeting on Wednesday Aug. 20 as they received the superintendent's report and related public comments.

Thomson shared the superintendent's report that night. He first delivered updates on the MSBA/elementary school building project. He explained that the leadership team continued to meet over the summer, mainly focusing on keeping the most updated information about the project on the website. He called out how they added a "frequently asked questions" section and graphics. They also produced and distributed fliers focused on the September votes and emphasizing childcare options.

In that regard, they created a Google Form to ensure they would have enough personnel to cover the childcare needs for the special Town Meeting. While they cancelled the scheduled meeting on Aug. 19, the next forum for the project was scheduled for Aug. 26 at 1 p.m. at the senior center, at 130 Main St.

Secondly, Thomson described the result of discussions about personal hygiene dispensers in public school restrooms. They agreed to put one dispenser in girls' bathrooms at the middle school and at the high school, including one in a gender neutral bathroom in each school.

They would monitor the use of the dispensers and consider adding more depending on use. While Thomson said that they

had no official budget money for this task, he noted that the school health grant would help fund it. They hoped to order materials and install them by the beginning of October.

Stephen Turner commented that this was a fantastic initiative, describing several scenarios where students may miss school or class rather than facing an awkward situation of having to ask a teacher to go to the nurse to get a hygiene product.

Thomson lastly mentioned that Angel Cartagena was joining the district as the new director of information technology & digital learning, as Ken Lord would have his last day later that week. Thomson said Cartagena was transitioning into the role this week, and that he previously worked at Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School.

Dr. Mike Mercaldi mentioned that the Sept. 13 vote for the MSBA project is only in person at the special Town Meeting; the Sept. 16 vote can be done with early voting or mail-in voting. David Ragsdale added that the new information on the MSBA project website was impressive. He also invited residents to watch the interview on WCTV that WCTV Director Sam Perkins conducted with Town Manager Eric Slagle.

Chair Jesse Fennelly congratulated Lord on his moving on. He also named the new director of administration and finance as Paul Ruggiero would soon be leaving.

Two residents spoke during public comment about the MSBA project. The first asked that the town make changes to prioritize safety for students with things like raised crossings, wider sidewalks, and more bike parking instead of car parking spots.

"This project can set a new tone for the future," he said.

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▲ Salem Street will be auctioned in September as part of the State Land for Housing initiative. The parcel sits next to Martin's Landing on the North Reading line, across the street from Benevento Companies. (Paige Impink photo)

Salem Street lot to be sold by state

By PAIGE IMPINK
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — As the Commonwealth continues to find ways to ease the housing shortage and improve affordability for residents, redevelopment of state-owned land has become another avenue, in addition to the MBTA Communities act, that it is pursuing.

A 2.9 acre parcel on Salem Street near the North Reading line is listed on the State Land for

Homes Pipeline as "Coming Soon" but also appears in the "Active" list.

Through the state's Division of Capital Asset Management & Maintenance or DCAMM, the property will be auctioned on Sept. 10, 2025 at the Sheraton Boston Newton at 11 a.m. According to the auction documents, the property will be sold "as is" to the highest bidder.

Select Board Chair Frank West mentioned the topic during the Aug. 18 Select Board meeting.

West said that people may have thought the sale of state land for housing would be years away, but "at least for one piece of land in Wilmington" it's happening.

The Wilmington site is part of a multi-parcel auction which includes land in Westborough, Northborough, Templeton, and Phillipston. The Wilmington property is described as a wooded parcel close to I-93 on a main road with a large, multi-family development partially occupied with additional

new units under construction nearby.

The site is near the North Reading parcel of Martins Landing. The permitting is listed as four units minimum per acre.

As part of the State Land for Homes initiative, other properties the Commonwealth owns are also being redeveloped. For example, a 5.5 acre unused parking lot on the campus of Middlesex Community College on

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British Antique Car Show coming to Wilmington

By PAIGE IMPINK
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — There's an exciting event coming to the Wilmington Senior Center on Sunday, Sept. 7. Antique automobile aficionados and especially British car lovers will delight in the British Car Show, scheduled for 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. that day.

Part of a larger celebration of Grandparents' Day, resident Roy Crane has worked closely with Director of Elderly Services Terri Marciello to bring the show to the center. As a British sports car club member, Crane has tapped owners of MGs, Triumphs, Austin-Healeys, and more.

"Everyone is welcom-

ed," said Crane.

Owners of any British cars are welcomed to register their vehicles for free at 10 a.m. the morning of the event. There will be a crowd-favorite vote with prizes awarded at the end.

Crane explained that WW II service members learned about British cars during overseas

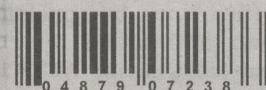
deployments. Many brought the vehicles back to the states, and they were so popular that British manufacturers started producing them for the American market.

"The automakers even restricted production in the UK just to capture

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Wilmington Library News:

The WML's Tiny Art Show is back for the fourth year in a row

Library Closure

Wilmington Memorial Library will be closed all day Monday, Sept. 1 in observance of Labor Day.

Adult Programs

Drop-in Tech Help

Tuesday, September 2, 2pm

Wednesday, September 3, 2pm

Thursday, September 4, 2pm

Saturday, September 6, 2pm

Have a tech question that's been bugging you? Stop by Drop-in Tech Help.

Tiny Art Show Canvas Pickup

Tuesday, September 2 - Saturday, September 6, All Day

Make a tiny piece of art for our Tiny Art Show! Open to all ages and all mediums. The first 150 patrons to come by the library between 9/2 to 9/6 will receive a free 3x3 canvas to participate in this year's Tiny Art Show!

Slice and Dice — A Pizza and Table Top Game Night

Tuesday, September 2, 6-8 pm

Join Librarians Mary and Marie for Slice & Dice, our monthly pizza and table top game night for adults. Each month, we'll kick off with a featured game, followed by open play where you can explore our game library or bring your own favorites to share with the group!

Pints + Pages

Thursday, September 4, 7pm

The group meets on the first Thursday of every other month. The book discussion will be hosted by librarians from the Wilmington and Tewksbury Public Libraries. This month's book is: *The Art Thief: A True Story of Love, Crime and a Dangerous Obsession* by Michael Finkel.

Needleworkers

Friday, September 5, 10 am - 12 pm

This is a social group for those who do any kind of needle craft. Bring your knitting, crocheting, quilting, etc. and enjoy conversation and camaraderie. Drop-in.

Youth Programs



▲ Don't miss out on WML's fourth annual Tiny Art Show! The first 150 patrons to come by the library between Sept. 2 to Sept. 6 will receive a free 3x3 canvas to participate in this year's show. (Courtesy photo)

Costume Craze Collection Begins

Tuesday, September 2 - Tuesday, September 30, All Day

Costume Craze is back! Donate new or lightly worn youth Halloween costumes to the library between 9/2-9/30! Come by on October 4 to find a new-to-you kids or teen costume (no donation required)!

Preschool Storytime

Tuesday, September 2,

10am

Join us at our Preschool Storytime! This program includes books, rhymes, music and movement. Ages 3-6

Mindful Movement

Tuesday, September 2, 4 pm

Join library pals as we flow through children's yoga poses, mindful movements, and read some books to help us grow in mindfulness and peace. Grades K-2

DnD 101 for Teens

Tuesday, September 2, 6 pm

New players who wish to join our regular library campaign (or who just want to learn about the world's most popular role-playing game) should attend our 101 sessions, held monthly. Grades 6-12.

Time for Twos

Wednesday, September 3, 10am

Time for Twos includes books, rhymes, music and movement for children aged 2! Age 2

Playful Pathways: Parent Book Club (VIRTUAL)

Wednesday, September 3, 7pm

This monthly book club will cover the 7 essential life skills featured in Ellen Galinsky's book, *The Mind in the Making*. Because this event will be held via Zoom, children are welcome to be in attendance. Recommended for parents and caregivers of children ages 0-5

Baby Time

Thursday, September 4, 10 am

Join us at our Baby Time! This program in-

cludes books, rhymes, music and movement. Ages 0-23 months

Grandparents Day Drop-In Storytime

Friday, September 5, 10 am

Grandparents! Come join us for a special drop-in storytime! This program includes books, rhymes, music and movement. Ages 2-6

Music and More with Miss Bernadette

Saturday, September 6, 9:30am

Join Early Childhood Educator Bernadette Baird for singing, dancing, instrument play and storytime in this fun and relaxing family event! Ages 0-4

Grandparents Day Activities

Saturday, September 6,

10 am

Celebrate your grandparents! Join us for some drop-in activities to do together. While supplies last! Recommended for children and their grandparents

Additional Information

Mark your calendars!

Join author Sy Montgomery on Thursday, Sept. 25 at 7:30 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.) as she discusses her journey as an author. There will be a cash bar, book sales & an autograph signing! Sy Montgomery is best known for her books *The Good, Good Pig* and *The Soul of an Octopus*. Registration is now open! This is a free event, open to ages 9+, and is located at the Wilmington Senior Center.

Join us for Welcome to Wilmington!

Please drop in on Wednesday, Sept. 17, 2025 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Wilmington Memorial Library for our annual reception for new residents. Meet representatives from town government, schools and more. Learn about services, programs and volunteer opportunities, and pick up your Welcome Bag! RSVPs encouraged at wilmingtonlibrary.org.

Check Out Our Library of Things

Did you know Wilmington Memorial Library circulates more than just books? Check out our Adult, Teen and Youth Library of Things for fun and useful items to take home. Items include: a pickleball set, disc golf, lawn games, volleyball and badminton, a tent and much more! See what's available at <https://wilmingtonlibrary.org/lot/>.

Book Store Next Door

Regular hours are back at The Book Store Next Door! The bookstore is open Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Museum Passes

The library has discounted passes to your favorite Massachusetts museums, attractions, and state parks. Find the full list by visiting www.wilmingtonlibrary.org/services/mp.

WML In-Person & Virtual Programming

Registration is required for most in-person programs and is required for all virtual programs, as you will need to register in order to receive the Zoom link. You can register on our website at www.wilmingtonlibrary.org or by calling (978) 658-2967.

It's Your Money

by Todd Brisbois



HOME ENERGY AUDITS MAY QUALIFY FOR AN ENERGY EFFICIENT HOME IMPROVEMENT CREDIT

The Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 created several clean energy credits. Each of these credits has requirements for the type of clean energy property or service purchased and how they are claimed. This includes a non-refundable energy efficient home improvement credit for the purchase and installation of certain energy efficient improvements in taxpayers' principal residences.

The credit amount is equal to 30 percent of the total amount that taxpayers pay during the year for qualified energy efficiency improvements installed during the year, residential energy property expenditures, and home energy audits.

To qualify for the credit, a home energy audit must identify the most significant and cost-effective energy efficiency improvements to the residence, including an estimate of the energy and cost savings to each improvement.

The maximum credit for home energy audits is \$150. Therefore, taxpayers can claim a 30 percent credit on audits that cost up to \$500. The home energy auditor must provide a written audit report to the taxpayer. When obtaining a residential energy audit make sure that it meets the credit requirements. Specifically, taxpayers will need to substantiate that a qualified auditor conducted their home audit. To satisfy this requirement, the written audit should state that the auditor is certified to conduct the home energy audit.

The home energy efficient home improvement is a non-refundable credit, meaning that it can only reduce the amount of tax you owe and will not create a refund.

For more information on these credits and other clean energy credits related to the Inflation Reduction Act, check the Inflation Reduction Act Credits and Deductions page on IRS.gov.

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Residents urged to vote in upcoming special Town Meeting and special election

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He suggested that the new school campus could be a place where students' experience reflects the town's values, allowing them to arrive at school safely and comfortably.

fortably.

Resident Jay Samaha urged residents to vote yes at the Sept. 13 and 16 votes for the MSBA project. He highlighted that the schools to be replaced were built in the 1950s and early 1960s.

"A no vote doesn't mean taxes won't go up," he added.

Samaha described that to repair and replace these three schools individually would cost the town \$135 million, which is more than the town's

portion for the MSBA project of \$111 million. He said that this makes sense educationally and financially because it will provide better spaces for students to learn while costing the town less money to build one new school.

News and notes from WCTV

Hello friends and neighbors! Here's what's going on at WCTV!

Select Board Meeting — August 18, 2025

Topics covered during this meeting include: town recognition of patrol officer Meghan Sousa and Sergeant Daniel Furbush for their response to a medical emergency and the Wilmington Police Explorers for their achievements. In addition, the board heard and voted on multiple requests including athletic car washes and a block party.

School Committee Meeting — August 20, 2025

The Wilmington School Committee met on Aug. 20, 2025, to review start-of-school updates, staffing and enrollment figures, upcoming facility needs, and ongoing preparations for the proposed Wildwood Elementary School replacement. The Committee also discussed communications protocols, transportation logistics, and other topics affecting the upcoming academic year.

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Lifestyle



Fenway Park offers more than just baseball

By **HEATHER BURNS**
News Correspondent

Fenway Park has long been a staple of Boston's landscape, and is the home of the Boston Red Sox.

Although considered by many to be the heart of Red Sox Nation, Fenway actually has a long history of hosting other sporting events besides baseball over the last 113 years.

Built in 1912, Fenway Park is the oldest, active ballpark in Major League Baseball.

Despite having a total capacity as one of the smallest MLB parks in use, Fenway Park has proven itself to be a much sought after venue for events other than baseball.

American football has been played at Fenway Park since its opening in 1912.

Various Boston football teams, including teams from the American Football League and the National Football League, regularly played at Fenway until the late 1960's.

Even the Boston Patriots, now known as the New England Patriots, called Fenway Park home from 1963 to 1968 after moving from Nickerson Field.

In recent years, various New England college football teams have played games at Fenway, including the 2018 annual Harvard/Yale game.

Soccer was also played at Fenway Park as early as 1925, hosting various games for soccer clubs and teams from the mid 1920's until the early 1930's.

In May of 1967, soccer returned to Fenway for the exhibition games hosted by the National Professional Soccer League. This event benefited the Red Sox primary charity, The Jimmy Fund.

By 1968, Fenway regularly transformed from a baseball park to a soccer stadium, as it was the home of the soccer team, the Boston Beacons, of the now defunct North American Soccer League.

Many may have thought that the only fight that a Fenway fan would witness was between a coach and an umpire during a home plate call, but boxing also has a history at Fenway Park.

On Oct. 9, 1920, Fenway hosted the first open-air boxing show in Boston.

Boxing continued to be a special event at Fenway from the 1920's until the mid 1950's.

It wasn't until June 7, 2025, that boxing returned to Fenway with a boxing event titled "Fight Night at Fenway."

This event included 11 bouts, notably including the first professional women's boxing match held at Fenway.

Despite the fact that Fenway was built solely for the "boys of summer," Fenway has been successful in becoming the perfect venue for several winter sports.

Fenway has been a two-time host of the NHL Winter Classic, in both 2010 and 2013. Both of these ice hockey events featured a winning performance by the Boston Bruins.

Hosting the Winter Classic opened the door to use the ballpark for the "Frozen Fenway Series."

This semi-annual hockey series features hockey teams from local and regional high schools, colleges, and universities.

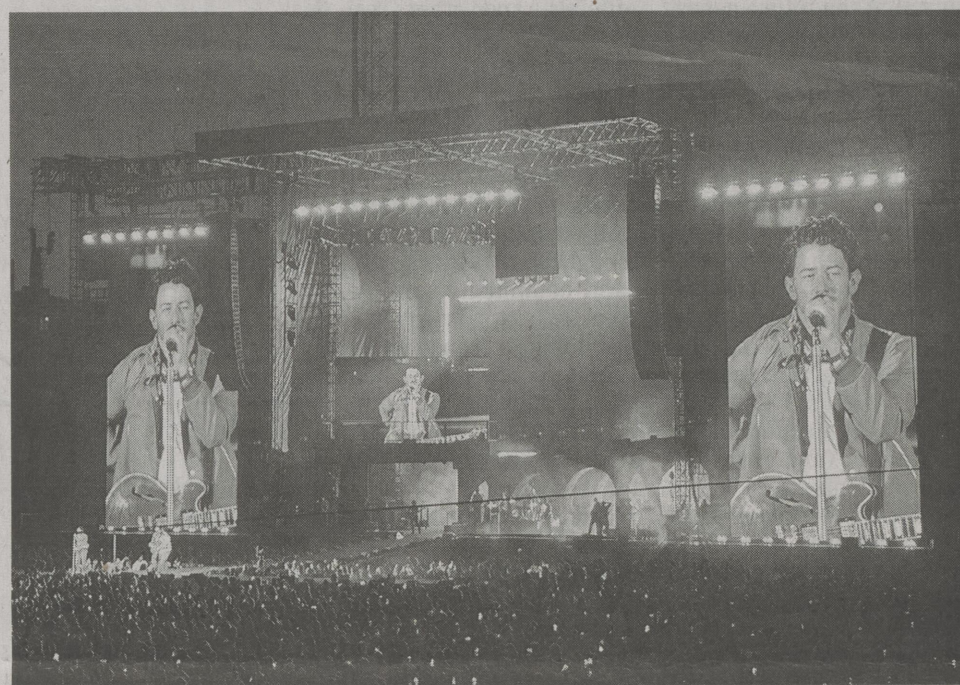
In fact, the Tewksbury Memorial High School's boys ice hockey team participated in the 2023 Frozen Fenway Series, facing the Northern Highlands High School from New Jersey.

Surprisingly, ice hockey isn't the only winter sport hosted at Fenway.

Fenway has hosted a ski and snowboard event for the International Ski Federation's 2016 U.S. Grand Prix Tour and FI's World Cup Tour, which attracted top level ski and snowboard athletes from around the world.

A big air jump was constructed in the park to be 140 feet tall, standing above the lights of the stadium.

Although most of the snow that was used for the jump was man-made, mother nature provided a natural snowstorm about a week before the event,



▲▼ Although Fenway Park is the home of the Boston Red Sox, it has also hosted many other sporting events over the last 113 years. (Heather Burns photos)

which added an element of natural snow to the ramp's surface.

Even lesser known sporting events have had the privilege of playing in historic Fenway Park.

The sport of Hurling has appeared on the lawn of Fenway on several occasions since 1937. Most recently, the Fenway Hurling Classic was held in November of 2018.

Fenway has certainly been an iconic symbol for the sporting world, however, sport games are not the only events that frequent Fenway Park.

Fenway is now known as a preferred venue for many musical performers.

Music is a fairly new event at the ballpark, becoming popular in the past 20 years or so.

Although the Newport Jazz Festival took place in Fenway Park in 1973, Fenway was not considered a concert venue until the Red Sox team was purchased by John Henry in 2002.

Henry, an avid guitar player, recognized that Fenway Park would draw

rock superstars as a music theater. He also realized that concerts were an untapped revenue maker for the ballpark.

Bruce Springsteen was the first major headliner to perform at Fenway in 2003.

This concert by The Boss was such a success, that it opened the flood gates for prime performers to appear on the Red Sox's field over the next few decades.

Fenway has been the chosen performance venue for such superstars as Jimmy Buffett, The Rolling Stones, Neil Diamond, Billy Joel, Paul McCartney, and the "Bad Boys of Boston" a.k.a. Aerosmith.

The first woman to headline at Fenway Park was Lady Gaga in 2017, opening the door for other female performers like Pink and Joan Jett.

Most recently, Fenway Park performers have included such popular names as Noah Kahan, Kenny Chesney, and the Foo Fighters in 2024, and the Jonas Brothers, Hozier and The Who in 2025.

As summer turns to autumn, Red Sox Nation is hopeful to see some play-off action at Fenway Park this fall.

Besides enjoying any possible post-season baseball, Fenway Park will also be the venue for the band My Chemical Romance on Sept. 7, The Secretaries' Cup Football Game between the U.S. Coast Guard Academy and U.S. Merchant Marine Academy on Nov. 15, and the match up of Holy Cross vs. Georgetown football game on Nov. 22.

Information on concerts and events for the 2026 season at Fenway Park will be announced sometime at the end of 2025.

After the Red Sox hang up their cleats at the end of this baseball season, be sure not to miss out on all the sporting and musical events Fenway Park has to offer during the upcoming year.

Interested sport and music fans are advised to monitor the official Red Sox website for information on the 2026 Fenway event season at www.mlb.com.



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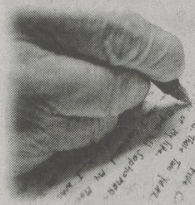
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Any letters regarding the proposed elementary school in Wilmington must be submitted no later than Tuesday, Sept. 2 at 5 p.m. Any letters received after that date and time will not run. Thank you.
— Town Crier staff



Letters to the editor

Please support the proposed new school

To the Wilmington community,

I am writing to you in strong support of the school building project.

Please come to the town meeting on Sept. 13 and the town vote on Sept. 16 and vote in favor of this project on both days.

At the heart of this there are two key things we need to do.

Do what is needed to ensure that the future generations of Wilmington students have the best education in the best environment for learning.

Do what is most responsible for the finances of the town and specifically the taxpayers.

It is clear that:

- The three schools that we can replace with these votes are not able to support the current educational standards that parents expect and demand of the district (and town) for their students.

- The three schools that we can replace with these votes are physically old, far from accessible, and difficult to maintain.

- The three separate locations of the lead to disruptive transitions for the students, additional time and costs for busing, and inefficient staffing, etc.

When we include the funding from the MSBA, this one project — which can address the needs of the students in three schools — is cheaper than repairing the old schools. In addition, repair would not make any of the educational improvements that a new building can bring.

This building project has been governed by a collection of town officials, school officials, and other residents of the town. This has been a long, open process with countless public meetings, community surveys, community forums, and updates from the town to all residents. The proposal is well balanced and well thought out with significant community involvement.

Building a consolidated PreK-5 school does both what is right for the future generations of Wilmington students and what is best for the taxpayers.

Please come to the town meeting on Sept. 13 and the town vote on Sept. 16 and vote in favor of this project on both days.

Thank you,
Stephen Turner
Member Wilmington School Committee

Students named to Dean's List at Roger Williams University

BRISTOL, RI — Select students have been named to the spring 2025 Dean's List at Roger Williams University in Bristol, R.I. Full-time students who complete 12 or more credits per semester and earn a GPA of 3.4 or higher are placed on the Dean's List that semester.

- Ida Bishop of Wilmington
- Zoe Derosé of Wilmington

- Madison Kelsey of Wilmington
- Jonathan Magliozzi of Wilmington
- Kiara Nadeau of Wilmington
- Rhiannon Anderson of Tewksbury
- Bianca DeSisto of Tewksbury
- Matt Slagle of Tewksbury
- Ava Small of Tewksbury

Healey-Driscoll Administration launches \$10M initiative to transform commercial spaces into homes

BOSTON — The Healey-Driscoll Administration launched the Commercial Conversion Tax Credit Initiative (CCTCI), a new funding opportunity from the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (HLC) to help convert underused commercial buildings into residential and mixed-use housing across Massachusetts.

The housing shortage in Massachusetts is driving up prices and costs for everyone. At the same time, older and empty commercial properties across the state are ready for revitalization. These sites present an opportunity to be remodeled into new housing. The CCTCI seeks to address the housing shortage head-on by revitalizing vacant buildings, creating new housing in existing structures, and bringing people back to main streets and downtowns.

"Massachusetts is moving faster to create reasonably-priced housing and revitalize our downtowns," said Governor Maura Healey. "This new tax credit helps communities turn empty commercial space into homes — bringing people, energy and small-business customers back to main

streets while tackling our housing shortage."

"Local leaders tell us the same thing: they need practical tools to unlock projects that are ready to go," said Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll. "By prioritizing adaptive reuse and projects with zoning in place, this program will speed up delivery of homes while supporting the economic revitalization of our city and town centers."

Commercial to residential conversions can be complex and expensive projects, which is why last year the Healey Driscoll Administration partnered with 11 local leaders to identify development-ready commercial sites in their communities that are best fit for revitalization and transformation into new housing.

The CCTCI goes one step further and provides local leaders with the tools to revitalize vacant properties and deliver new homes for their residents through targeted funding awards. The CCTCI was created in the Affordable Homes Act signed by Governor Maura Healey in 2024 and official guidelines and application for the program are now available online. This Initiative builds on early progress achieved

this spring, when the Administration provided funding to two office conversion projects in Downtown Boston and creates a dedicated funding source for commercial conversion projects across the state.

"This is a targeted credit focused on jumpstarting commercial conversion to residential use," said Secretary of Housing and Livable Communities Ed Augustus. "A little help for these projects can have a big impact in creating the housing we need and revitalizing downtowns."

Under the new tax credit initiative, HLC will award up to \$10 million in CY2025 through a single competitive round. Typical awards will be \$2.5-\$3 million per project, and credits may cover up to 10% of eligible costs.

Eligibility & Priorities

Eligible sponsors include for-profit and non-profit developers and projects must be certified by HLC as Qualified Conversion Projects.

Municipal sign-off by the chief elected officer is required. Local contributions are strongly encouraged.

Larger projects with 50

or more units, projects where necessary zoning is already in place, and projects funded in-part by local contributions will be prioritized.

Eligibility is statewide, with priority consideration for communities that received conversion assistance from MassHousing's Commercial Conversion Initiative in 2024-2025. Projects in other communities are still eligible and will be considered.

HLC will announce the competition timeline and application materials on the program page.

The Healey-Driscoll Administration has made housing a top priority, starting with the creation of the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities in 2023. Since then, the Administration has initiated a comprehensive approach that includes passage of the \$5 billion Affordable Homes Act, implementation of the MBTA Communities Law, creation of the Momentum Fund, the new State Land for Homes initiative to jumpstart housing production on state land, sizable increases in housing tax credits and subsidies and the banning of renter-paid broker's fees.

Upcoming local events

Tewksbury Veterans and families. Outdoors in the Healing Garden. Call to reserve: 978-640-4485

September 13, - Wilmington High School Class of 1975 50th reunion, live band, dancing, buffet dinner, cash bar. Pay July 2 through last minute walk-ins - \$95. Register and pay at : <https://my.ched-darup.com/c/high-school-class-reunion-temp-65333/items?cart> Questions? Steve Brander skbrander@gmail.com Reunion Organizers: Steve Brander / Vin Scifo / Helen Ryba

September 13, Beep Ball Tournament at Livingston Park. 1 p.m. Tewksbury Lions Club Fundraising event. Come watch

Boston Strong vs. the TFD, and Winners vs. Boston Renegades.

September 15, Alternative House 29th annual Golf Fundraiser, Trull Brook Gold and Tennis Center, Tewksbury. Sponsorships available and registration: charitygolftoday.com/AHgolffclassic

September 18, Strong Hearts, Strong Minds, Strongwater Farm Gala, Vesper Country Club, Tyngsboro. 5:30 p.m. <https://strongwaterfarm.org/gala/>

September 19, 7 - 10 p.m., The Silvertones Swing Band. Tewksbury Senior Center- \$10.

Book Store Next Door,

Saturdays, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. The Book Store is staffed by volunteers from the Friends of the Wilmington Public Library. All proceeds support library programs. Next to Wilmington Public Library.

Sundays, Lowell Streetcar Museum, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Adults \$3, seniors and youth age 3-12 \$2, children under 3 are free. Cash only. 25 Shattuck St., Lowell.

Wilmington Town Museum, Mondays and Tuesdays, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Harnden Tavern, 430 Salem St. (Route 62), Wilmington

Middlesex Canal Museum, Saturdays and Sundays, Noon - 4 p.m., 71 Faulkner St., North Billerica

Book Stew Review

'Bad Company: Private Equity and the Death of the American Dream' by Megan Greenwell

By EILEEN MACDOUGALL

This strong indictment of how private equity greed has ruined so many American lives puts the focus on four areas: housing, health care, retail, and

newspapers.

In each case, a local hero stepped up and worked to challenge this corrupt system that has so many lawmakers on both sides in its thrall.

Massachusetts residents are familiar with the shame-

ful case of Stewart Healthcare and its CEO, Ralph de la Torres, who forced hospitals into mountains of debt to enrich himself.

In rural Riverton, WY, Dr. Gose, a local doctor, sees his rural hospital ravaged and vital services eliminated, so he and other community activists raise funding to build a new facility.

Liz Marin, an outstanding employee of Toys 'R' Us who loves her job, fights for a pension as she sees her beloved company sold into bankruptcy.

Natalia Contreras, a reporter, watches as the struggling Gannett newspaper chain sells out to private equity to fund its own sinking ship and destroys its own newspapers, leaving many areas bereft of

any local news coverage.

Loren Depina moves into a rental apartment in Alexandria, VA, only to find that the private equity owners have let the building deteriorate to the point that mold and flooding are everyday occurrences.

The primary method used by KKR, Bain Capital, and others to make so many already wealthy investors wealthier is by purchasing companies, saddling them with debt (which is all on the books of the company, not the private equity buyer), and forcing them to rent back their own land and buildings.

This book goes into the weeds to expose these shameful practices and to call out politicians who ignore the inequities.

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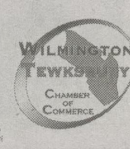
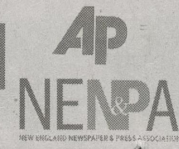
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3 principles to invest by, whatever comes next

I recently opened a second-quarter investment account statement, not to euphoria—but relief.

Let's not forget, US equities flirted with a bear market earlier this year. There were concerns that China's DeepSeek artificial intelligence would bring down US technology titans. There were the tariffs.

Yet, here we sit in the third quarter of 2025 with the Morningstar US Market Index up nearly 8% for the year and the Morningstar US Core Bond Index having returned more than 3%.

Ahead of us lie multiple pathways. Economic data and earnings announcements will provide direction, but there are also "unknown unknowns" that could alter our course.

Here are three investment principles to keep in mind.

Principle 1: Where the market goes, nobody knows

Coming into the year, how many pundits talked about AI out of China challenging US tech stocks? Did anyone expect tariffs to be such a factor?

Though 2025 has had its plot twists, changes in market direction are hardly unusual.

Consider that stocks came into summer 2024 on a tear, before sentiment turned. A series of releases—jobs, inflation, and earnings—compounded fears of a narrow and pricey market. Somehow, both an unexpected interest rate hike by the Bank of Japan and an expected rate cut by the Fed triggered selloffs.

But markets recovered. Election results in November sparked a powerful rally.

So, where we go from here is anyone's guess. But I'll cite a story about how dead investors outperform living ones because they don't trade. Buy-and-hold has been a great strategy for long-term investors.

Principle 2: Global investing can pay off

Some think you don't need to own anything other than US equities. But I'll note that the Morningstar Global Markets ex-US Index has trounced its US equivalent so far in 2025.

What's behind the turnaround? The dollar weakening against many other currencies is part of the story. But markets in many regions—Europe, Latin America, and



THIS PHOTO shows dollar bills in New York. (AP Photo/Mark Lennihan, File)

India—have roared to life this year.

To me, global investing is about casting the net as widely as possible. So, just as some argue that US-based multinationals provide American investors with global exposure, you could also argue that they're not fully exposed to the US, from a revenue perspective, with a purely domestic portfolio.

Principle 3: Bonds aren't broken

The equity market's extreme volatility in 2025 makes bonds look like steady-Eddies.

While US stocks were in free fall from late February through early April, the Morningstar US Core Bond Index gained 1.3%. Bonds diversified equities, serving as portfolio ballast.

Bonds face a lot of "headline risk." There are debt and deficit concerns. And the shadow of 2022's "worst bond market ever" lingers.

While the risks are undeniable, fixed income is also the victim of fearmongering. Not only have bonds diversified stocks, they're also providing above-inflation income streams. Thanks to the painful interest rate hikes of 2022-23, yields on fixed income are at levels not seen since the mid-2000s.

The road ahead

We're likely to see more twists before 2025 is out.

Short-term asset-price fluctuations are driven by a complex interplay of variables—macro and micro, fundamental and technical.

Longer term, valuation can be a useful guide. According to my Morningstar Equity Research colleagues, the US stock market looked a bit pricey coming into the second half of 2025—not in dangerous bubble territory, but "trading at a slight premium." The bargains cluster on the value side of the market and in smaller-cap stocks.

Meanwhile, my colleagues in Morningstar Investment Management continue to see upside in bonds and international equities. As always, a buy-and-hold mindset and a diversified portfolio remain sensible investment tactics.

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Annual legal checkup for seniors - 2025

The best advice I can give to any senior is that pre-planning for your lifetime needs is critically important, as well as planning for distribution of your estate after your death.

An annual review of your estate plan is a good practice especially for seniors, or a review at any time when laws or life circumstances change due to health, living arrangements, or finances, or at least every five (5) years. The first step in any estate plan should include documents related to lifetime planning and protections, such as a Durable Power of Attorney and Health Care Proxy. These documents take care of you during lifetime and ensure that during lifetime your financial and medical needs, intentions and wishes are followed. Further, estate planning documents, such as Wills and Trusts relate to division of your belongings and other assets after your death, in accordance with your wishes and direction.

The following is a list of documents and decisions to consider with your annual legal checkup in 2025.

1. DURABLE POWER OF ATTORNEY: A Power of Attorney is a very simple and inexpensive legal document that allows you to designate an individual who is authorized to act in your place during your lifetime, to conduct and participate in financial transactions on your behalf. By executing a Power of Attorney, you avoid the risk of the Court appointing a Conservator to manage your affairs if you were to become unable to do so.

2. HEALTH CARE PROXY: The Health Care Proxy is the single most important estate plan document that any individual can have. It is a simple and inexpensive legal document that appoints the person(s) of your choice as your health care agent, to make medical decisions on your behalf, ONLY in the event you are not legally competent or conscious to do so yourself. It is important to name agents to avoid a Court appointed Guardianship, which is costly and can be delayed for weeks or months when a decision may be needed urgently.

3. HIPAA RELEASE: Separate and apart and in addition to a Health Care Proxy, a HIPAA release will allow your medical team to release information to those you name on the HIPAA release, whether you are competent or not at the time.

4. WILL: Determine if you need a new Will, or if you need to update or amend a current Will so that your post-death

wishes will be followed regarding distribution of your estate.

5. TRUSTS: Determine if a Trust is advisable.

A Trust may be advisable if there is a specific need for holding assets in Trust, such as to protect assets for minor children or disabled individuals, to avoid probate, for tax planning, or in some cases for long term care planning.

6. BENEFICIARY DESIGNATIONS: Review and update all assets that allow you to designate a beneficiary, such as Life Insurance, Annuities, IRAs, 401ks, Retirement plans, etc. Assets with beneficiary designations are NOT controlled by your Will, unless you fail to name beneficiaries.

7. REVIEW OWNERSHIP OF BANK AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS: Bank accounts and investment accounts generally allow for PAYABLE ON DEATH (POD) or TRANSFER ON DEATH (TOD) designations. This form of ownership is generally advisable, as opposed to adding children or other relative's names to joint ownership on your accounts during lifetime. Joint ownership is generally ill advised, since your assets would then be exposed to the risks of the other joint owners, such as their accidents, divorces or their other financial risks and liabilities.

8. LONG-TERM CARE PLANNING AND ASSET PROTECTION:

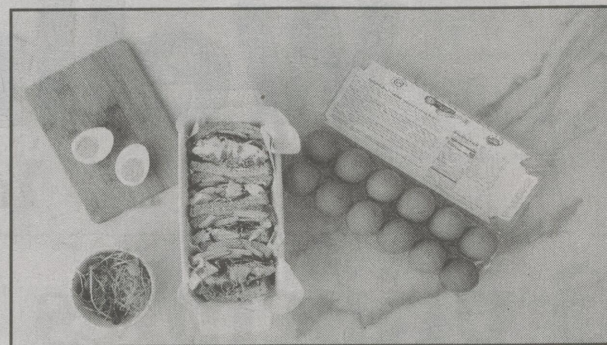
Is there any planning advisable or recommended for you for asset protection purposes in case long-term care is needed or imminent? While pre-planning is advised, in the long-term care category many folks believe that planning must be completed five (5) years prior to the need for long term care. However, this is NOT always the case. Often planning can be beneficial even at the last minute when someone is near or already in nursing home care. DO NOT PRESUME IT IS TOO LATE TO PROTECT ASSETS IF YOU DID NOT PLAN FIVE (5) YEARS IN ADVANCE.

9. FUNERAL PLANNING: Prepaid funeral planning is a very good idea, to ensure that your burial wishes are followed, and most especially to ensure that your funeral is paid for, without risk that your funds are depleted on nursing home care without protecting funds for a proper burial.

Every individual's situation is unique, whether related to assets, health issues, or

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5 ways to support your gut health for the fall season



especially if you're prone to issues like acid reflux. Lying down too soon after having a meal can interfere with your body's natural digestive flow. Try to allow for a few hours between your last meal and bedtime to support better digestion and sleep.

6. Make smart, balanced meal choices

What you eat plays a major role in how your gut feels. Blatner recommends focusing on balanced meals that are rich in protein, fiber and a variety of nutrients to keep energy levels stable and digestion running smoothly. Recipes like this Superfood Egg Sandwich from Eggland's Best is packed with gut-friendly ingredients like Greek yogurt, spinach and seeds, and can be enjoyed at any time of day.

Eggland's Best eggs contain more than double the Omega-3s compared to ordinary eggs, which can be beneficial for reducing inflammation in the gut and promoting a balanced gut environment. Eggland's Best eggs also contain six times more Vitamin D compared to ordinary eggs, which helps boost your body's immunity and helps fight off harmful bacteria.

Superfood Egg Sandwich

Prep time 15 minutes

Cook time 10 minutes

Yield 2 servings

Ingredients

* 4 Eggland's Best organic eggs, large

* 2 tablespoons mayonnaise substitute (1/4 cup Greek yogurt, 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard, pinch of salt, pepper to taste)

* 4 slices grain bread (for example, wheat, spelt and rye bread)

* 1 packed cup raw baby spinach leaves, arugula, cucumbers and microgreens

* 2 teaspoons mixed seeds (for example, a mixture of chia, pumpkin, sunflower and sesame seeds)

* 1 small avocado, sliced

Preparation

* Bring eggs to a boil and simmer for 10 minutes.

* Drain and cool, then peel and chop.

* Add Greek yogurt, Dijon mustard, salt and pepper and mix.

* Add sliced cucumbers, avocado, spinach and arugula. *Disclaimer: greens to be thoroughly washed before consuming.

* Top with egg mixture and add seeds. Then add avocado and microgreens.

* Build sandwich and repeat! Slice and serve.

With these tips and this tasty recipe, you can help to start off your autumn routine feeling more energetic and ready to face each day.

To find Eggland's Best eggs near you, plus more recipe inspiration, visit EgglandsBest.com.

(BPT) - As fall routines ramp up and calendars fill, it's natural to feel a little off-kilter. Transitioning from the relaxed pace of summer to the structure of a new school and work schedule can take a toll - not just on your time but also on your digestive system, too. In fact, studies show that stress can affect health through its impact on gut bacteria.

To help you stay energized, focused and feeling your best this season, Registered Dietitian and Nutritionist Dawn Jackson Blatner is sharing her go-to gut health tips. These simple, effective strategies will help keep your digestion on track so you can ease into autumn with confidence and comfort.

1. Boost digestion before breakfast

Blatner suggests starting your morning with a warm glass of lemon water before eating anything. This easy habit helps rehydrate your body after a night's rest and gently wakes up your digestive system. According to Cleveland Clinic, the natural acidity of lemon can help break down food in your stomach and set the tone for smoother digestion all day long.

2. Get moving early

Incorporating a little light movement to your morning routine can do wonders for your gut. Whether it's a quick walk, a gentle yoga flow or a few minutes of stretching, getting your body moving can promote regularity. This small step not only supports gut health but also boosts energy levels throughout the day.

3. Take time to destress daily

Chronic stress can affect your mood and therefore disrupt your gut microbiome. Set aside a few minutes each day to unwind with a calming ritual, like deep breathing, journaling or sipping a cup of herbal tea. These simple stress-reducing habits can help lower cortisol levels, which in turn supports a more balanced and resilient digestive system.

4. Be consistent with mealtime

Your digestive system thrives on routine. Another way to promote regularity is by sticking to consistent mealtimes, even on the weekends. Eating at roughly the same times each day helps "train" your gut to expect and process food more efficiently, reducing uncomfortable symptoms like bloating and sluggishness.

5. Give your body time to digest

Blatner also advises that staying upright after meals is key to avoiding indigestion,

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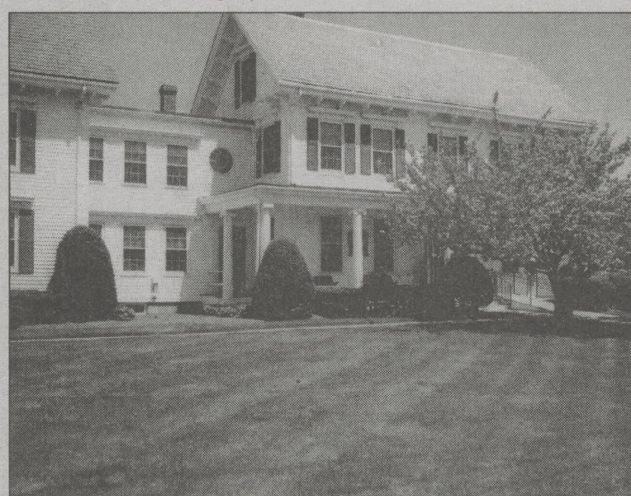
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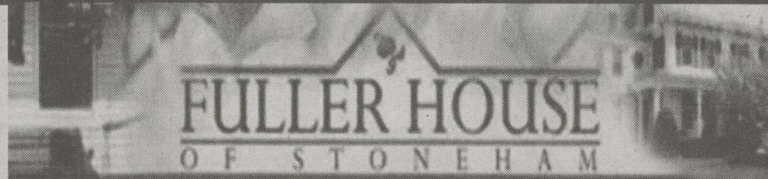
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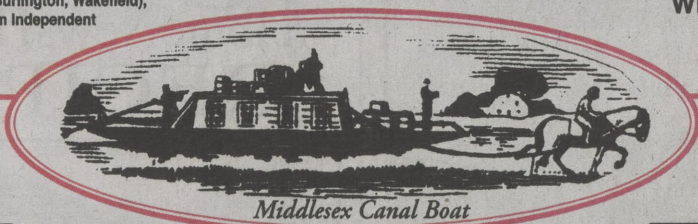
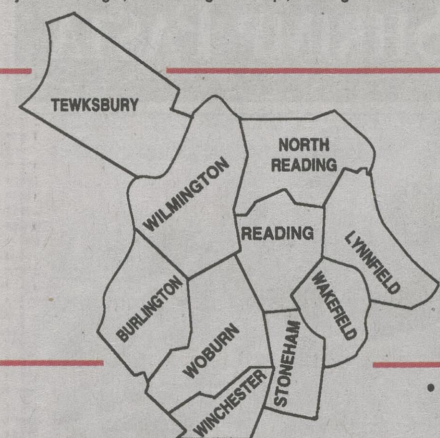


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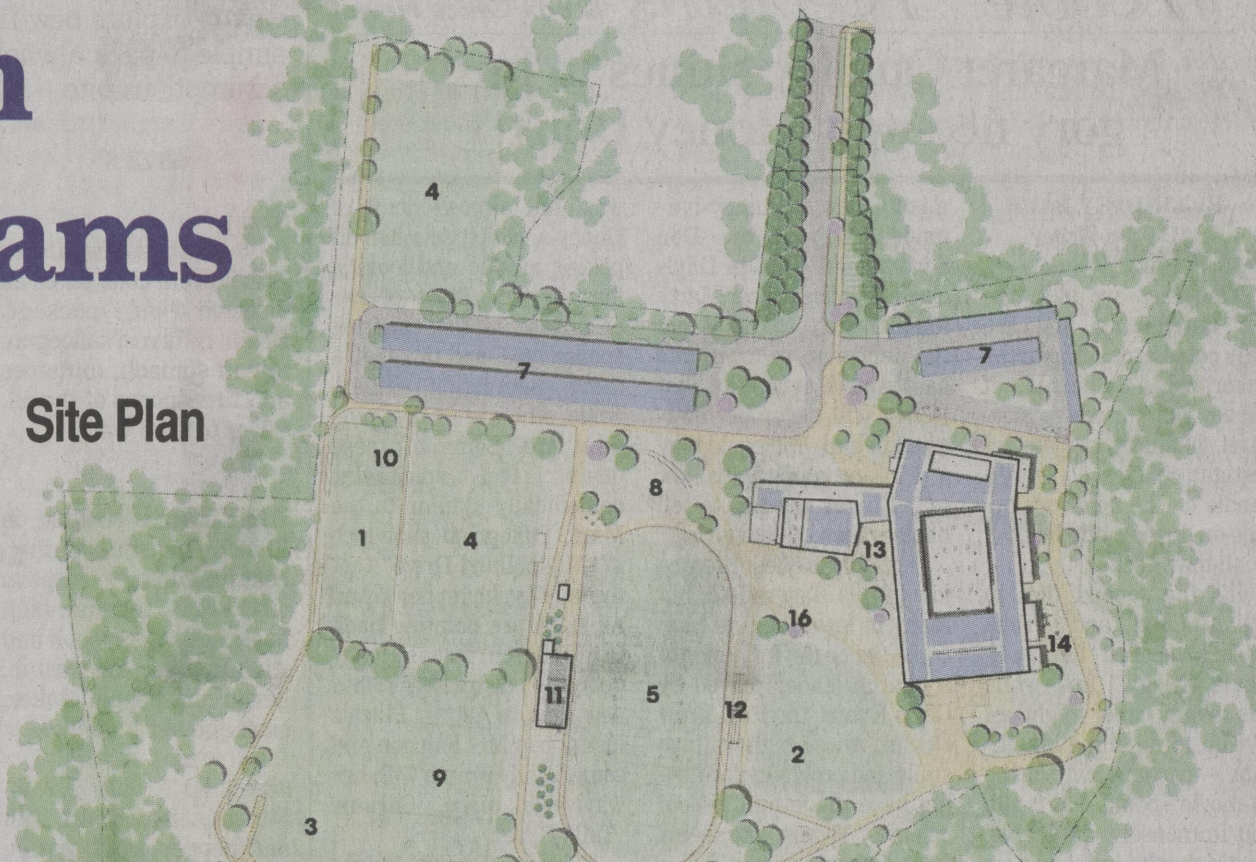
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Site Plan



(Courtesy Graphic)

By PATRICK BLAIS

STONEHAM - 18 years. That's about how long Stoneham High School Athletic Director and town Select Board member David Pignone has been watching neighboring cities and towns construct state-of-the-art athletic stadiums with synthetic grass playing surfaces and dreaming that Stoneham would follow suit.

Now Stoneham is just days away from watching its fall sports athletes run out onto four turf fields, all of which will be equipped with nighttime lighting, for their first home games.

So when the Stoneham High School Building Committee learned last week that the Spartans new stadium complex will likely be delivered just before Labor Day weekend instead of on Aug. 19, the athletic director, having witnessed the football team and other fall sports teams practicing on the new fields for the first time a few days earlier, was pretty nonchalant about the setback.

In fact, the Stoneham native and SHS Class of 1987 alumnus was so overjoyed at finally seeing the town's turf dreams come true that he would later brush off his colleagues' concerns about curious citizens sneaking onto the construction site to catch a glimpse of the sprawling new network of new athletic spaces.

"People are up there," admitted the athletic director, when fellow School Building Committee members questioned whether security around the still closed-to-the-public spaces should be

beefed up.

"They just want to see the place and are getting excited about it. They find every nook and cranny and hop fences," Pignone continued. "But the kids we've asked to stay off the fields with their bikes have been very respectful. And we're trying to establish new rules and policies [around public access to the spaces]. The community will start to understand [and adhere to those guidelines] as we put them in place."

According to Consigli Construction, the Boston firm hired to oversee \$217 million construction of a new state-of-the-art high school and adjoining athletic fields and public gathering spaces at the 35-acre campus off of Franklin Street, they expect to turn over the main Spartan Stadium complex to the town by no later than Tuesday, Sept. 2.

Originally, the construction management team had been scheduled to reach significant completion on that portion of the major public construction effort on Aug. 15. That timeline was then shifted to Aug. 19.

Though both of those deadlines have come and gone, Stoneham Building Inspector Cheryl Noble earlier this month issued a restricted occupancy permit that allowed the SHS football team and other fall sports athletes to practice on the main field.

Though the general public is forbidden from walking the grounds, which are still technically part of an active

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STICKY SITUATION - Margaret Qualley in a scene from "Honey Don't!" released by Focus Features.

Movie Reviews & Box Office News

Margaret Qualley shines in fun, gory neo-noir 'Honey Don't!'

By LINDSEY BAHR
AP Film Writer

The skies are blue, the sun unrelenting and the body count escalating in the Bakersfield, California, of "Honey Don't!," where Margaret Qualley's private investigator tries to get a handle on the nefarious goings-on in her city with a small-town feel.

It's the second film in Ethan Coen and Tricia Cooke's so-called "lesbian B-movie trilogy," and while this shaggy caper might not add up to anything significant — perhaps part of the "B-movie" point — it is fun and immensely watchable. That's thanks in large part to Qualley's turn as the smoothly confident Honey O'Donahue, kind of a Philip Marlowe, or maybe Veronica Mars, in cherry-red lipstick, high heels and silks (inspired choices for the sweltering setting by costume designer Peggy Schnitzer).

Honey is meant to be strikingly "other" in this very downtrodden Bakersfield of eccentrics, dropouts and lost souls, where missing teeth seem to be more prevalent than pedicures. It's a carnival of very memorable, very Coen-esque

misfits, like a grumpy bartender played by Don Swayze and Charlie Day's clueless police officer Marty Metakawitch. Marty is not the only man in town who has trouble accepting that Honey will never be interested in him. You could play a drinking game with how many times she has to tell hapless men, "I like girls."

Not only is queer literacy low in this Bakersfield, but many in town seem to have come under the influence of a church leader played by Chris Evans, the Rev. Drew Devlin, whose high-wattage smile and proclivity for flirting have made him a local celebrity. Evans, who seems to be having fun in a weirder role, plays the Rev. Drew as a charismatic creep, an ego-driven and possibly sex-addicted influencer who is also peddling drugs and arranging hits around town. He too has a boss, or bosses, known only as "the French," which is amusingly underexplained. And he's often completely, or nearly, naked and involved in some cringey, experimental acts with his naive followers.

Not unlike the new "The Naked Gun," this saga begins with a suspicious vehicular death. The deceased

was an almost-client of Honey's, which sets her off poking around and looking for answers. Most of her cases are of the cheating spouse type, and this is just more interesting. Meanwhile, others start dropping dead too. Some of these deaths feel spiritually, comedically similar to the Mark Pellegrino sequence in "Mullholland Drive" (not the only Lynchian nod). And all signs are pointing back to the church, though Honey gets a bit distracted with a new fling in Aubrey Plaza's lustful cop MG Falcone and some family drama with her wayward niece Corinne (Talia Ryder).

"Honey Don't" might play more like a pilot episode of a television series than a contained film, but it is a step up from Coen and Cooke's previous effort, "Drive Away Dolls," which felt constructed of comedic parts whose shelf life expired 20 years ago. This script, written by Coen and Cooke, is probably just as vintage, technically speaking, but it feels more timeless. With a stable of memorable side characters, including Josh Pafchek as the reverend's assistant and Jacnier as a skittish new drug dealer named Hector,

other synthetic fields, including a new soccer, field hockey, and multi-sport athletic fields, while earlier this month, a subcontractor poured the concrete pad for a series of new tennis courts.

New softball and baseball fields, as well as batting cages, have also been constructed on the site and local officials are keeping a close eye on the sod and freshly seeded natural surface to be sure the grass grows to specs.

For Pignone and other sports proponents, the completion of the new network of fields will bring to fruition a nearly two-decade long quest to bring a synthetic field to Stoneham.

Woburn appropriated some \$600,000 for its first artificial field back in 2000 and several years later its athletes took to two such multipurpose athletic spaces and a practice field. Reading would in 2008 okay funding for two of its own turf fields as part of a major high school renovation project.

Winchester funded its first turf field at McCall Middle School back in 2009 and in 2017 would okay additional funding for the town's second synthetic multipurpose field at Winchester High School's Skilling's Field.

Tewksbury also okayed \$750,000 for its first turf field back in 2013, and that same year, Wilmington high school athletes ran onto their first synthetic surface that same year.

All the while, Pignone, who took over as athletic director in 2007 and coached the varsity football team between 2010 and 2012, watched as attempts to do the same in Stoneham. At the time,

town leaders - unable to afford the luxury of constructing a new field due to a series of financial crises that rocked the community between 2005 and 2012 - came up just short in efforts to find an alternative way to bring a synthetic field to Stoneham.

Back in 2007 and again in 2009, both former Selectman George Seibold and previous Town Administrator David Ragucci proposed an expansion at the Stoneham Arena property off of Montvale Avenue that would include a second sheet-of-ice and an indoor sporting complex that would potentially include several polyturf lacrosse and soccer fields. Town Meeting would kill both ideas due to budgetary concerns.

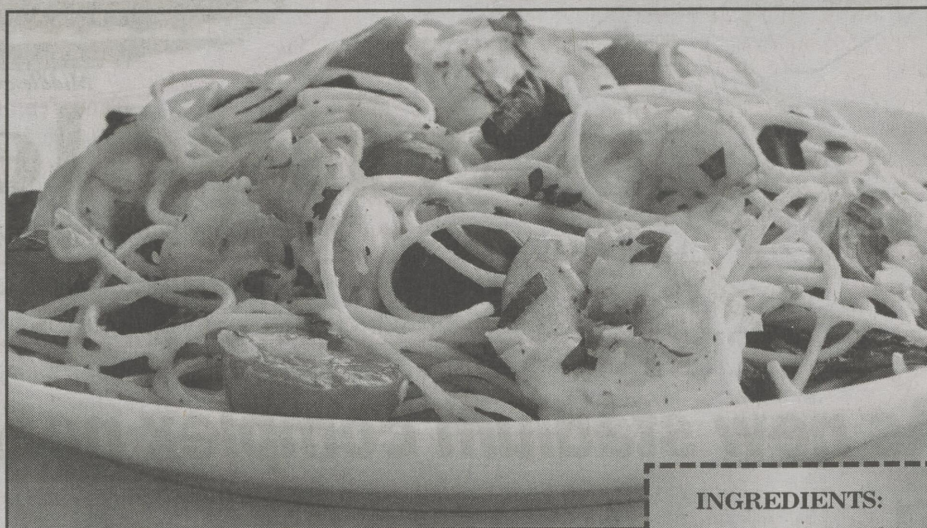
Then in late 2009, former Selectman John DePinto and Ragucci approached Mass. Water Resource Authority Executive Director Fred Laskey to discuss the construction of one or two turf playing fields on top of a 20-million gallon water storage tank being buried by the Fells Reservation across from Spot Pond.

At the time, DePinto argued that Stoneham officials, who were being asked to bless the Gutierrez Company's plans to sell a six-acre portion of the old Boston Regional Medical Center site to the MWRA for the redundant water supply, would give that consent in exchange for the fields.

However, two years later, Laskey, appraised that the field area would constitute a safety risk given that the MWRA couldn't secure access to the underground water tank, told the Select Board that he had to renege on that

HomeNewsHere RECIPE

SKINNY GARLIC SHRIMP PASTA



DON'T SKIMP ON THE SHRIMP - Set sail for something new and amazing! Our better-for-you Skinny Garlic Shrimp Pasta is the perfect way to explore new flavors for the family. It's simple to pack a whole lot of flavor into every scrumptious bite.

STEPS

Step 1
In 5-quart saucepan or Dutch oven, cook pasta as directed on package. Drain; return to saucepan. Stir in spinach, tomatoes and 2 teaspoons of the oil. Cover to keep warm.

Step 2
While pasta is cooking, in 12-inch nonstick skillet, heat remaining 1 teaspoon oil over medium-high heat. Add onion; cook and stir 1 minute. Add shrimp, garlic and pepper flakes; cook and stir 2 minutes.

Step 3
Stir in wine, broth, salt and pepper; cook 2 minutes or until shrimp are pink and firm. Remove

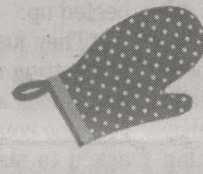
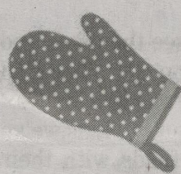
from heat; stir in parsley and butter until butter is melted. Add shrimp mixture to pasta mixture in saucepan; toss to mix.

EXPERT TIPS

- Finish off each serving with a generous handful of chopped fresh herbs.
- Sprinkle grated Parmesan cheese on top of pasta before serving.

- Medium shrimp are a good size to team up with cherry tomatoes and other veggies in this dish.

- Whole-grain pastas do take a little longer to cook so be sure to follow package directions for doneness.



"Honey Don't" is gory, unapologetically sexual, quippy and dark. It also clocks in at under 90 minutes — they knew just when to get out.

As Ethan Coen finds his groove as a solo director, "Honey Don't" might not be

"The Big Lebowski" or "Raising Arizona," but it is a swing in the right direction. At this rate, if we get the pleasure of seeing a third film, it might just be a classic.

"Honey Don't!" a Focus Features release in theaters

INGREDIENTS:

- 8 oz uncooked multi-grain angel hair (capellini) pasta or spaghetti
- 4 cups fresh baby spinach leaves
- 1 1/2 cups halved cherry tomatoes
- 3 teaspoons olive oil
- 1 medium onion, finely chopped (1/2 cup)
- 1 1/2 lb fresh medium shrimp, peeled, deveined and tail shells removed
- 3 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
- 1/2 cup dry white wine or reduced-sodium chicken broth (from 32-oz carton)
- 1/4 cup reduced-sodium chicken broth (from 32-oz carton)
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- 3 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley
- 2 tablespoons butter

Friday, is rated R by the Motion Picture Association for "some strong violence, language, graphic nudity, strong sexual content." Running time: 88 minutes. Three stars out of four.

For more movie reviews, visit homenewshere.com.

• STONEHAM FROM B1

construction site, Consigli representative Kyle Raposo last week told the Building Committee that his team plans to wrap up construction on the main bleachers and stadium building by the end of this week.

Final paperwork and inspections will then be conducted, with the hopes that Noble will amend her temporary certificate of occupancy (TCO) to allow the SHS Field Hockey team to host the first game in the new stadium under the lights on Sept. 9. Expected to draw a much larger crowd, the Spartan football team, which captured a state championship last year after going 12-1 in the 2024 season, will take to the field for their first ever home game in the new stadium on Sept. 9.

Are we confident that on Sept. 12, we'll be able to go onto that football field, sit in those bleachers, and watch that game?" asked concerned Building Committee member Sharon Iovanni during last week's meeting.

"We are confident in that," Raposo assured the group.

A long wait

The new stadium complex, which will include home and away locker rooms and restrooms, a coaches area, visitor seating and a home bleacher section topped by a press box, will be the centerpiece of the high school project's outdoor amenities areas. The main stadium field is also surrounded by a new track.

Already, Consigli officials have overseen the construction of three

Montvale Avenue and Williams Street.

That \$10,000 was set aside by town officials to explore the concept, the negotiations came to an abrupt end in the late summer of 2017.

With Stoneham just days away from ending that decades-long turf field quest, Pignone last week was too excited to berate the SHS development team for delivering the field areas a few days past schedule.

"I asked all my questions over the past 20 days. I'm sure you're sick of hearing from me," Pignone remarked. "We didn't hit the expected date we wanted, but I know the effort was there. We had some hiccups that got in the way, but we're going to get in there soon enough."

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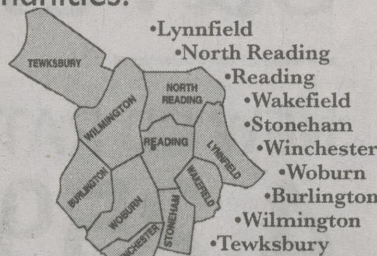
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• Real Estate Transfers •

BURLINGTON

17 Phyllis Ave was sold to Daisy Ruby RET and Andres, Angelo E by Kimberly J Walters RET and Walters, Michael D for \$939,500 on 08/08/25

LYNNFIELD

28 Durham Dr was sold to Enebakk, Roger and Holstad, Marita by Schelzi, Deborah for \$2,375,000 on 08/08/25

173 Locksley Rd was sold to Camerlengo, Elizabeth A and Camerlengo, Michael by Fadel, Robert D and Fadel, Julie A for \$1,475,000 on 08/04/25

21 Wildewood Dr was sold to 21 Wildewood Dr LLC by Maryann Manzoli T and Corvi 2nd, Robert E for \$1,490,000 on 08/05/25

NORTH READING

5 Cedar St was sold to Rose, Alexandre and Pepin, Marie A by Saviano, Martina S and Saviano, Stephen for \$920,000 on 08/04/25

3 Marshall St was sold to Rosa, Sara E and Spetrini 3rd, Robert by Reilly, Ryan J for \$775,000 on 08/04/25

300 Martins Lndg #205 was sold to Demik, Sheryl A by Pulte Hm Of New Eng LLC for \$282,100 on 08/04/25

180 North St was sold to Daher, Jorge W and Daher, Marcia Z by Smith Sons Plumbing & He for \$1,580,000 on 08/05/25

191 North St was sold to Hein, Fred and Nowak, Johanna by Lopez, Jessica for \$685,000 on 08/08/25

5 Rust Ln was sold to Sosa, Ivan by Littlefield, Keith for \$1,030,000 on 08/08/25

1 Westward Cir was sold to Ciolfi, Dylan G and Farhat, Chena by Barbagallo Rt II and Hein, Linda for \$1,000,000 on 08/05/25

READING

122 Charles St was sold to Decaprio, Theresa and Quimby, Cameron by Cjm Builders Inc for \$1,425,000 on 08/05/25

20 Eaton St was sold to Kathleen Flaherty RET and Flaherty, Kathleen by Koahou-McClosky Ft and Koahou, Alan D for \$1,575,000 on 08/06/25

16 Elm St was sold to Skr Ventures LLC by Okeeffe, Ryan D and Okeeffe, Amy J for \$677,000 on 08/07/25

4 Grand St was sold to Licciardi, Rachel by Edith A Rand RET and Connolly, Kath-

leen for \$725,000 on 08/07/25

423 Grove St was sold to Seshapur, Mansi and Venkatram, Bharath by 423 Grove Street Rt and Egbert Jr, Allan L for \$899,000 on 08/08/25

64 Haverhill St was sold to Vu, Duy Q by Jennings Jr William J Est and Jennings, Christopher W for \$815,000 on 08/08/25

2 John St #2 was sold to Meng, Xiaxia and Li, Chenyang by Juma, Malik G and Juma, Sophia for \$880,000 on 08/04/25

40 Martin Rd was sold to Draci, Ermal and Melgar, Yesenia S by Macaluso, Cody J and Macaluso, Alexandra for \$600,000 on 08/08/25

57 Prescott St was sold to Saviano, Stephen J and Saviano, Martina S by Ride As One Ft and Haverty, Lori for \$1,200,000 on 08/05/25

STONEHAM

224 Park St #C9 was sold to Alferel Capital LLC by Voicu, Sorin and Voicu, Laura for \$714,000 on 08/07/25

53 Perkins St was sold to Diraffaele, Michael by Forsythe Ft and Forsythe, Maureen T for \$640,000 on 08/08/25

43 Pomeworth St #36 was sold to Cisler, Laura and Thyagarajapuram, Nagaraja by Ciampa, Michael R for \$400,000 on 08/05/25

11 Sparhawk Cir was sold to Edwards, Ryan and Edwards, Jaclyn by Magazzu, Annunziata A for \$1,000,000 on 08/08/25

34 Winship Dr was sold to Melkonian, David A and Silva, Jennifer M by Chen, Mei S and Chen, Ken S for \$1,400,000 on 08/07/25

TEWKSBURY

99 Apache Way #99 was sold to Levine, Dayna M by McCloskey Barbara L Est and Heaney, Robert D for \$418,000 on 08/04/25

Chestnut Rd was sold to Lopez, Francisco by Newburyport Int and Martin, Judith A for \$15,000 on 08/08/25

109 Georgia Rd was sold to Gaudreau, Krystal and Ragab, Adam by Goodson Jr, Joe R and Hurley-Goodson, Gail E for \$880,000 on 08/08/25

81 Heritage Dr #81 was sold to Hanley Ft and Hanley Sr, David R by Hodge Ft and Hodge, Jeffrey F for \$580,220 on 08/07/25

67 Hood Rd was sold to Hood Road LLC by Berube, Garrett for \$295,000 on 08/06/25

194 Merrimack Meadows Ln #194 was

sold to Bastola, Shiwa and Acharya, Pradeep by Springsteen, Katelyn J for \$420,000 on 08/05/25

18 Patriot Rd was sold to Macdonald, Kacy and Macdonald 2nd, William H by Paul & Carol Doherty Ft and Doherty, Carol C for \$905,000 on 08/08/25

58 Randolph Dr #58 was sold to Anctil, Juliet and Feltes, Robert by Robinson, Michalyn for \$409,000 on 08/05/25

WAKEFIELD

2 Fosters Ln was sold to Kaczorowski, Lisa A and Mills 3rd, Thomas F by Gerardi, Frank J and Gerardi, Suzelle for \$901,000 on 08/08/25

62-76 Foundry St #213 was sold to Chiozzi, Cindy by Wakefield Living LLC for \$514,000 on 08/04/25

62-76 Foundry St #207 was sold to Leishman, David and Leishman, Janet by Wakefield Living LLC for \$799,000 on 08/04/25

62-76 Foundry St #314 was sold to Ventresca, Samuel F by Wakefield Living LLC for \$264,300 on 08/05/25

1 Millbrook Ln #205 was sold to Dagostino 3rd, Andrew and Dagostino, Karla by Repucci, Matthew S for \$498,900 on 08/07/25

18 Muriel Ave was sold to Wells, Ian and Wells, Molly by Pinecrest Realty Vent LL for \$1,039,900 on 08/07/25

410 Salem St #707 was sold to Tok, Emre by Sparaco, Mark and Sparaco, Kara for \$584,000 on 08/08/25

48 W Park Dr was sold to L & Adrienne Kutner Lt and Kutner, Adrienne by Dupre, Kristin and Belliveau, Jordan for \$1,040,000 on 08/07/25

39 Yale Ave was sold to Latascus Re Holdings LLC by Calmas LLC for \$755,000 on 08/05/25

WILMINGTON

364 Chestnut St was sold to Over, Noah T and Over, Mikaela D by McGowan, Gregory E and McGowan, Elizabeth A for \$1,185,000 on 08/08/25

38-A Jacquith Rd was sold to Jambhorkar, Praptee and Vora, Kewal by Stogsdill, Jeffrey A and Stogsdill, Megan P for \$875,000 on 08/04/25

45 Park St was sold to Giraldo, Katherine S and Galdamez, Raul by Desouza, Rafaella P for \$660,000 on 08/04/25

513 Woburn St was sold to Macaluso, Cody and Macaluso, Alexandra by Tran, Christine for \$795,000 on 08/08/25

603 Woburn St was sold to Patras LLC by Allen John J Est and Murray, Kathleen M for \$500,000 on 08/07/25

WINCHESTER

24 Charles Rd #24 was sold to Zhou, Guoling and Jin, Liang by Yan, Meng and Zeng, Yang for \$660,000 on 08/06/25

10 Converse Pl was sold to Savings Bank by 10 Converse Place LLC and Savings Bank for \$6,800,000 on 08/04/25

22 Grove Pl #4 was sold to Charters, Natalie H and Zarracina, Ellyn by Ulwick Ft and Ulwick, James P for \$770,000 on 08/05/25

25 Wedgemere Ave was sold to Shepherd, Samuel and Shepherd, Sunny by Berardi, Chris for \$3,745,000 on 08/08/25

58 Wedgemere Ave was sold to Donnellan, Mark by Jean M Martinelli RET and Martinelli, Jean M for \$2,050,000 on 08/05/25

WOBURN

15 Brandt Dr was sold to Garnett, Cameron M and Garnett, Alexis M by Moreira Daniel S Est and Moreira, Nelson for \$745,000 on 08/08/25

10 Carson Rd was sold to Zeng, Qingwei by Lynch, Daniel for \$680,000 on 08/05/25

6 Hillside Ave was sold to 340 Park Street LLC by Huang, Jessica and Chen, Li-Yun for \$430,000 on 08/06/25

11-R Lynn St was sold to Dervishi, Ardit and Prifti, Julie X by Sioux City LLC for \$785,000 on 08/08/25

27 Quimby Ave was sold to Sedona Rt and Oconnor, Michael R by Hutchinson, Maura L and Gallagher, Thomas J for \$695,899 on 08/08/25

305 Salem St #106 was sold to Seymour, Joanne M by Sheedy Elizabeth T Est and Carroll, Cheryl W for \$525,000 on 08/04/25

6 Theresa Rd was sold to Payton, James and Payton, Lauren by Lind, Kathleen M and Lind, Robert A for \$840,000 on 08/05/25

52 Tremont St was sold to Cosmo Pasciuto RET and Pasciuto, Cosmo by Wolinski Kathleen E Est and Solomon, Brian for \$725,000 on 08/08/25

August 28 through September 29, 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Our Lady of Guadalupe returns to Wakefield shrine

The Lazarus Center for Healing Shrine, 47 Butler Avenue in Wakefield, invites you to join us Aug. 28 through Sept. 29 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. to venerate a digital replica, exact in size and color, of the original Miraculous Image that Our Lady left on Saint Juan Diego's robe (tilma) in 1531.

Monsignor Diego Moroy, Vicar General and Rector of the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, blessed this Missionary Image. Miracles have been associated with veneration of this Miraculous Image.

Visitors who are drawn to the Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, please venerate it with gentle touches, prayer, and leave any petitions and donations.



Saturday August 30, 12 p.m. - 3 p.m.

– Stories in Style –

Meet local author Morgan Ouellette in Lynnfield

Join Lilly Pulitzer Lynnfield for a special Market-Street in-store event featuring Massachusetts author Morgan Ouellette! Morgan will be signing her new book, *Your Picture is in My Waitress Book*, and will be available for a Q&A with attendees on Saturday August 30 from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.

About the Book:

Being a working parent isn't easy, and kids always have questions about their parent's job. Follow a mom-by-day, waitress-by-night as she navigates the ups and downs of her shift at a busy restaurant. Although her job can be demanding and chaotic, she never stops missing her family. This heartwarming story reminds us that even when parents and caregivers have to miss family time due to work, their love for their family never wavers.

Enjoy a fun afternoon of book signings, in-store activities, and exclusive shopping at Lilly Pulitzer Lynnfield. This is a perfect event for families, book lovers, and anyone looking for a meaningful story with a stylish twist!



LOCAL AUTHOR MORGAN OUELLETTE

Saturday, August 30, 8:00 p.m.

Veterans Memorial Auditorium, Wakefield

Symphonic journey of video game music in concert

Join the Firebird Pops on Saturday, August 30, 8:00 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Auditorium in Wakefield as conductor Brendan J. Kenney leads you on an unforgettable symphonic journey through the worlds of your favorite video games! With breathtaking synchronized video and a full live orchestra and choir, this immersive multimedia performance will captivate gamers and music lovers of all ages.

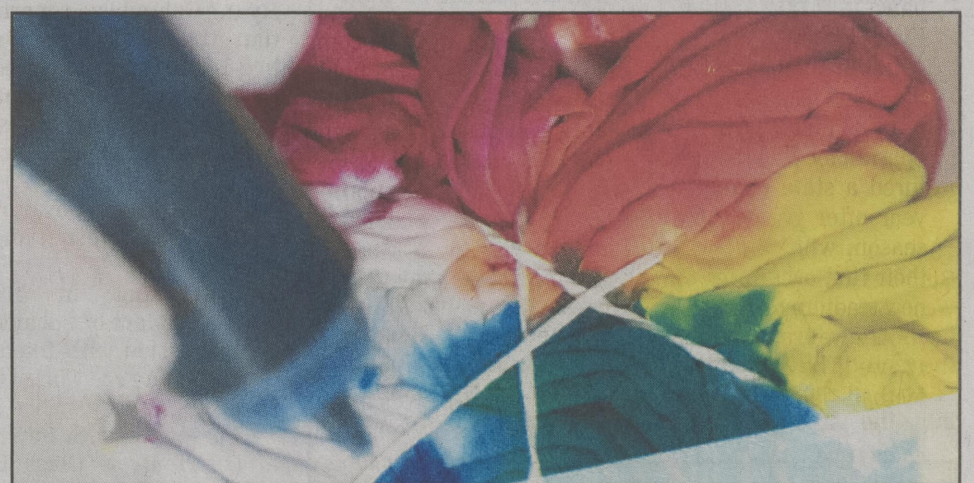
Featuring music from cherished games such as Halo, World of Warcraft, Kingdom Hearts, Metal Gear Solid, Castlevania, Skyrim, and more, this is where epic soundtracks meet cinematic visuals in a concert experience like no other.

This performance is eligible for Card-to-Culture discounts through the Mass Cultural Council for eligible cardholders.

Please see www.firebirdpops.org/ for more information.



BRENDAN J. KENNEY, CONDUCTOR



Friday, August 29, 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

It's tie dye time at the Tewksbury Public Library

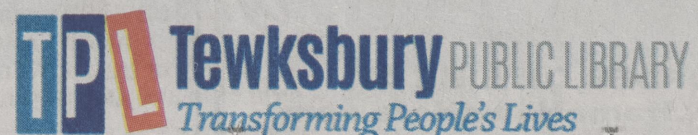
It's tie dye time! You must bring your own white shirt, but we'll take care of the rest of the supplies. We can't wait to see your colorful creations!

This event will be held outside behind the library weather permitting (if it's not raining or too hot to be safe!). This is the rescheduled event.

Registration is not required, but the craft will be available while supplies last.

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Tewksbury Public Library, 300 Chandler St., Tewksbury, MA 01876.





Tewksbury Police Log

Local man arrested on OUI and drug charges

Monday, August 18

1:53 a.m. - Suspicious activity in the area of Mohawk Drive involving a vehicle. Police sent. They spoke with the suspect and he stated he was dropping off a female party in the area.

2:40 a.m. - Police out with a female party pushing a moped on the side of the road at Burger King. The moped was not currently registered. Operator had proper paperwork. Everything was cleared.

5:19 a.m. - Monitoring company reported possible unauthorized tow on property at Atamian Honda. Police sent. They cleared the vehicle in question.

6:17 p.m. - A 911 caller staff reported Hispanic male with blue hoodie and black backpack and jeans took something from the store at Spirit Halloween. Male just walked out. Police sent. Dillon Coleman, 32, of 95 Roycraft

Road in Manchester, New Hampshire, was arrested and charged with shoplifting by asportation, arrestee furnish to law enforcement false ID information, and fugitive from justice on court warrant.

Tuesday, August 19

3:14 p.m. - Party stated white male, green shirt on a moped with no helmet on at Walmart. Police sent and checked the area, but they were gone on arrival.

3:26 p.m. - Caller worked at Market Basket Warehouse and stated on Friday a coworker by the store grabbed him. Police sent and officer spoke to the party.

11:25 p.m. - Detail officer off at Applebees Restaurant for an apparent disturbance. They reported not a disturbance, just some friends horsing around.

Wednesday, August 20

4:27 p.m. - Lost dog

named Blue described as a blue and white older pitbull at Edgewood Road. The dog reportedly had allergy and a lump on the right side. Animal control was notified.

5:35 p.m. - A 911 caller reported that there was a blackish pitbull that was on his porch at Claire Street. Animal Control advised. They reported a brindle colored pitbull.

7:33 p.m. - A 911 caller reported there was a solicitor that was in the area earlier in the day at Harold Place. Caller reported that the were wearing a black jacket with shield on it. Police sent. The party was advised that a permit was needed.

10:33 p.m. - Caller reported loud music at Donna Drive. Police sent. The music was to be turned down.

Thursday, August 21

10:13 a.m. - Caller stated that three parties were

inside of a motor vehicle acting suspicious at A.L. Prime. Caller stated one person stated "let's go" and another party walked quickly into the store. The caller believed this person may be trying to use a "stolen credit card." Police sent. The caller and vehicle no longer were on scene and everything appeared normal.

4:33 p.m. - Caller reported a male possibly doing drug activity by the side of K-Mart building at Stadium Plaza. Local police and Lowell police were sent. They spoke to subject and he was all set. They offered him resources which were declined.

4:43 p.m. - Caller reported a trespasser, a white older male with gray hair wearing a gray striped shirt and brown pants, at Cumberland Farms. Caller stated male came into the store and then left in an unknown direction after being told to leave. Police sent, but gone on arrival.

5:58 p.m. - A 911 caller reported a white Ford hatch back was speeding around the parking lot at Wamesit Lanes. Caller reported the vehicle left the lot and headed toward 495. Caller could not see the plate and left the area. Police sent, but gone on arrival.

rival.

Friday, August 22

9:56 a.m. - Caller requested to speak with an officer regarding a past theft at Wamesit Lanes. Police sent, and officer filed a report.

11:06 a.m. - Caller stated male party walking took a video of her home at Whipple Road. White and blue shirt, older Hispanic male, gray hair, and shorts walked toward Chandler Street. Police sent. Officer spoke to the homeowner and looked at the Ring Camera footage. It looked like party was on FaceTime, nothing suspicious.

2:04 p.m. - A 911 caller reported she confronted a male regarding a gas pump at Circle K. Police sent. Verbal argument only. All parties cleared.

7:49 p.m. - Caller from Rhode Island reported she received a fraud alert on her credit card for two charges at Motel 6. The caller reported she called the front desk and they confirmed that a party just rented two rooms for this amount. Police sent. Dominic Cassese, 26, of 2940 Bonnybrook Circle at Rock Hill, South Carolina, was arrested and charged with larceny under \$1,200, credit card fraud under \$1,200,

and utter false writing.

Saturday, August 23

5:12 p.m. - Caller stated someone stole her phone at Motel 6. Police sent. Victim lost her phone in Bedford.

Sunday, August 24

12:12 a.m. - A 911 text that said went to Milford for a noise complaint in the area of California Road. Texter reported their neighbor was outside being loud and obnoxious. Police sent. No loud noises. Nothing shown.

12:53 a.m. - Caller reported a motor vehicle accident — hit and run at Trull Road and Andover Street. Police and ambulance sent. Martinez Fernandez, 43, of 1238 Ames Hill Drive in Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with OUI liquor, negligent operation of motor vehicle, marked lanes violation, and possess class B drugs.

4:27 a.m. - Caller reported people striking vehicles with their hands at The Residences at Tewksbury. Police sent. Nothing shown and the police spoke to a few residences in the area, stating they haven't seen any individuals hitting vehicles. No damage to vehicles.



Wilmington Police Log

Local man issued summons for assault and battery

Friday, Aug. 15:

7:32 a.m.: Michael D Buntion of 175B Pringle St., in Tewksbury, was arrested for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license and operating without an ignition interlock. This followed a stop of his red 2008 Chevy Silverado on High Street.

1:51 p.m.: A gray 2009 Toyota Rav4 and a red & white 1998 Suzuki VZ800 were involved in a motor vehicle accident on Main Street. Injuries were reported, and the motorcyclist's wife later came by to retrieve her husband's belongings.

5:52 p.m.: An employee at the Cumberland Farms on Main Street reported seven men arguing with each other. The men claimed they were Youtubers and were filming a skit, but management stated they didn't want them on their property, and police sent them on their way. Police also advised management on how to fill out a trespass order.

Saturday, Aug. 16:

1:58 p.m.: A resident on King Street reported that he was the victim of a scam.

3:27 p.m.: A caller at Burlington Self Storage on West Street reported that he had a storage unit at the facility, but an employee was refusing to let him into the facility. It was

found that this was because the facility was closed. The caller was provided with a time to retrieve his belongings, which he agreed to.

8:54 p.m.: A caller on Lowell Street reported a possible domestic incident in a dark-colored SUV in front of Starbucks, and could hear a woman yelling. Police met with them and found the argument was verbal in nature.

Sunday, Aug. 17:

1:49 a.m.: Miguel Omar Valdez of 5234 Evergreen Dr., in Wilmington, was issued a summons for unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, operating an unregistered motor vehicle, and speeding in violation of special regulations. This followed a stop of his gray 2023 Volvo XC90 on Salem Street.

11:00 a.m.: Scott David Lydon of 4 Somerville Ave., in Wilmington, was issued a summons for assault & battery. This followed a resident on Somerville Avenue reporting that his neighbor had knocked on his truck window, and proceeded to yell at him and then spit on his truck, all while his son was in the vehicle with him.

3:46 p.m.: A gray 2015 Nissan Rogue hit a pole on Grand Street. Reading Light was notified of the situation, and a mailbox and a nearby yard were

also damaged.

Monday, Aug. 18:

9:32 a.m.: Wilmington police responded to a motor vehicle accident on Cambridge Street in Burlington involving a red 2016 Tesla Model 2 and a red 2023 A2. Injuries were reported.

9:43 a.m.: Leo Maynor Eminian of 17 Parliament Lane, in Woburn, was issued a summons for not having a valid inspection sticker, operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, and forgery or misuse of an RMV document. This followed a stop of his gray 1978 Chevy Corvette on Main Street.

10:03 p.m.: Ebersson Ed-

uardo Estrada Gonzalez of 63 Library St., Apt. #3, in Chelsea, was issued a summons for unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and a lights violation. This followed a stop of his gray 2013 Nissan Rogue on Clark Street.

Tuesday, Aug. 19:

7:24 a.m.: Richard J Gore of 826 Border St., Apt. #B, in East Boston, was issued a summons for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, a number plate violation to conceal ID, failure to yield at an intersection, operating an unregistered motor vehicle, operating an unlicensed motor vehicle, and forgery or misuse of an RMV document. This followed his involvement in a motor vehicle accident between a white 2021 Honda CR-V and a brown 2010 Buick Lacrosse near Jimmy's Garage on Main Street.

2:28 p.m.: Raul Burgardt of 10 Burlington Ave., in Wilmington, was issued a summons for unlicensed

operation of a motor vehicle. This followed a stop of his white 2018 Jeep Compass near the Firestone on Main Street.

8:45 p.m.: A caller at Citizen Bank on Main Street reported a man standing behind the bank who was possibly intoxicated or experiencing a mental health crisis, and was yelling at vehicles as they drove by. The man was described as a white male, about 6'2, wearing a white shirt, jeans, and a hat, but police were unable to find him.

Wednesday, Aug. 20:

1:40 p.m.: An employee at the Simards on Main Street reported a customer who came into the store acting erratically, trying to pick a fight with the staff in front of other customers, and appeared to be intoxicated before leaving in a black Hyundai. Employees stated they wanted to issue the man a no trespass order.

7:22 p.m.: A caller on

Towpath Drive reported a possible identity theft.

Thursday, Aug. 21:

1:34 a.m.: James A Miller of 2604 Stems Hill Road, in Waltham, was issued a summons for unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and operating an unregistered motor vehicle. This followed a stop of his gray 2016 Mitsubishi Outlander near Nick's Pizzeria on Main Street.

4:35 p.m.: A gray 2022 Tesla Model 3 and a red 2014 Chevy Silverado were involved in a motor vehicle accident on Lowell Street. No airbags were deployed, and no injuries were reported.

9:31 p.m.: A caller on Adams Street reported a red 2014 Hyundai Sonata crashed into a tree across from her house, and continued to drive on to the high school parking lot. It was found that the car had also struck a telephone pole, and both people inside the vehicle were uninjured.

Tewksbury police arrest Burlington man on multiple drug charges

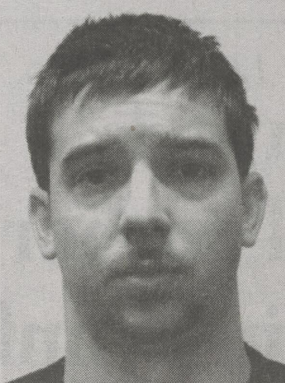
TEWKSBURY — Chief Ryan Columbus reports that the Tewksbury Police Department arrested and charged a Burlington man on multiple charges, including trafficking cocaine.

Robert Jones, 24, of Burlington, was arrested and charged with:

- Trafficking in 100 Grams or More of Cocaine
- Possession with Intent to Distribute a Class C Drug
- Possession with Intent to Distribute a Class D Drug
- Possession of a Class C Drug

- Possession of a Large Capacity Firearm
- Possession of a Firearm Without an FID Card
- Possession of Large-Capacity Feeding Device
- Possession of Ammunition without an FID Card
- Improper Storage of a Firearm
- Improper Storage of Large-Capacity Firearm

Jones was arrested in Tewksbury on Wednesday, Aug. 19, as a result of an ongoing investigation by the Tewksbury Police Narcotics Unit, with the assistance of Chelmsford Police, Tyngsbor-



ROBERT JONES

ough Police, Billerica Police, and the Middlesex Sheriff's Office. Subsequently, Tewksbury Police, with the as-

sistance of Burlington Police, executed a search warrant at Jones' apartment in Burlington. During the search, officers located a large sum of cash, 353 grams of marijuana, 165.6 grams of a white powdery substance determined to be cocaine, 128 grams of what was believed to be psilocybin mushrooms, and drug paraphernalia.

Officers also recovered two loaded handguns and ammunition.

Jones was arraigned in Lowell District Court on Aug. 20 and held on \$10,000 bail.

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Students named to Dean's List at Tufts

MEDFORD — Tufts University recently announced the Dean's List for the spring 2025 semester. Dean's List honors at Tufts University require a semester grade point average of 3.4 or greater.

- Aaliyah Abel, Class of 2025, of Wilmington
- Akash Chatterji, Class of 2026, of Wilmington
- Alex Flynn, Class of

- 2026, of Wilmington
- Lian Juergens, Class of 2027, of Wilmington
- Nathan Murray, Class of 2028, of Wilmington
- Adam Yalcin, Class of 2028, of Wilmington
- Rafael Bellucco, Class of 2028, of Tewksbury
- Peter Impink, Class of 2028, of Tewksbury
- Harshit Pal, Class of 2027, of Tewksbury
- Timothy Panilaitis,

Class of 2027, of Tewksbury

Tufts University, located on campuses in Boston, Medford/Somerville and Grafton, Massachusetts, and in Talloires, France, is recognized among the premier research universities in the United States.

Tufts enjoys a global reputation for academic excellence and for the

preparation of students as leaders in a wide range of professions. A growing number of innovative teaching and research initiatives span all Tufts campuses, and collaboration among the faculty and students in the undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs across the university's schools is widely encouraged.



The Woburn women's 4.0 team won the district championship last weekend. (Courtesy photo)



Like a fine wine...

In its 50th year,
Woburn Racquet Club
makes major improvements

By DOUG HASTINGS
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Woburn Racquet Club General Manager Rick Cooney remembers a conversation with the club's owner, Jim Cennerazzo, well.

"The role of thumb was always clean and affordable tennis," Cooney said. Now in its 50th year, Cooney is doing his best to keep focused on those goals.

WRC is currently remodeling its locker rooms, a project that will likely keep both the men's and ladies locker rooms closed for a couple of months, possibly into October, but will result in up-to-date showers and changing areas at the Webster Street facility.

"Complete renovation," said Cooney. "We're tearing up the floors, new plumbing, the whole nine yards. And when you do this, the city wants everything to be ADA compliant so we have to address those issues too."

The men's locker room will have three individual showers as opposed to the current six free-standing shower heads that exist currently. The women's locker room will be expanded to include three stalls instead of the two that were previously in place.

"During the day we have so many women's teams," Cooney said of the need to

expand that area of the building.

The changes come on the heels of several other significant changes to the facility from resurfacing all 10 of its tennis courts a few years ago, putting in new ceilings and renovating the inside of the building to the construction of brand new pickleball courts that took the place of racquetball and wallyball surfaces that had been in place for decades.

"Racquetball was starting to decrease in popularity," said Cooney. "The building was in dire need of a sprucing up so we decided to get rid of racquetball and go to pickleball."

There was some talk of putting a gym back there, but the club (owners) wanted to maintain racquet sports and he gave their blessing to go with pickleball. It was the right decision — pickleball has been so popular. It has really taken off."

WRC has two dedicated pickleball courts that are stunning.

"What people say about our pickleball courts is that they are tournament grade," said Cooney. "There's indirect lighting so the light isn't in your eyes and there's plenty of room. We didn't squish our courts so you have room to play and to lean over to grab a shot that has run afoul."

The court lights have been approved by the United State Pickleball Association.

Woburn's dedication to keeping its facility up to snuff has translated well into the results of its teams.

In the past several years, Woburn has sent several USTA tennis teams to national championship tournaments. In the recently-completed USTA summer season, both a men's and women's 4.0-level team for the 18-and-over division won state championships and will be advancing to the New England finals in September.

The tennis is under the direction of head pro Ron Graziosi of Reading and a large staff of talented teaching pros.

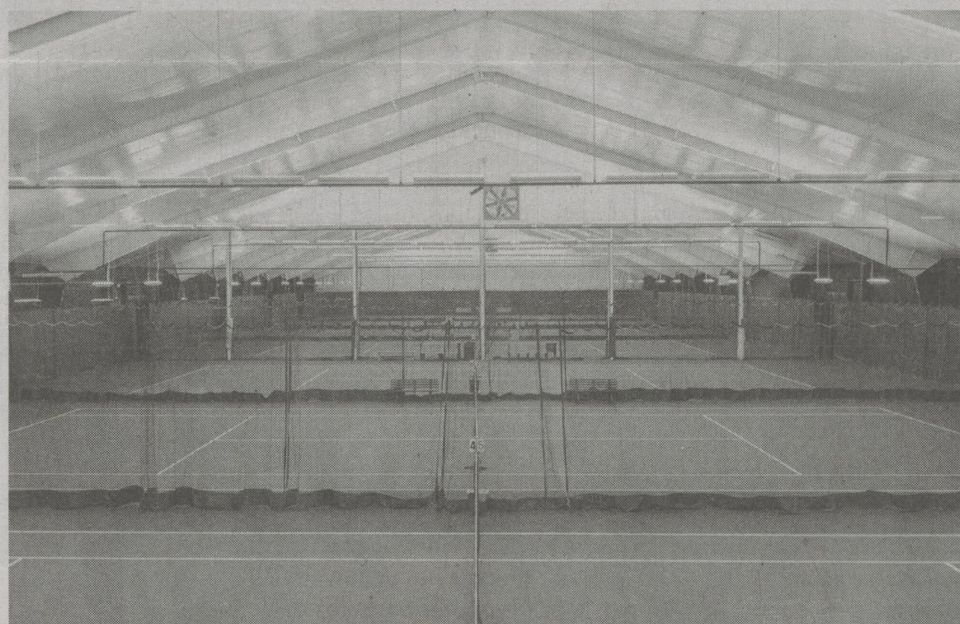
Pickleball also has a director, John Tracy, who works with all levels of pickleball from beginners to advanced levels.

WRC is looking to spruce up its pickleball leagues, clinics and other activities.

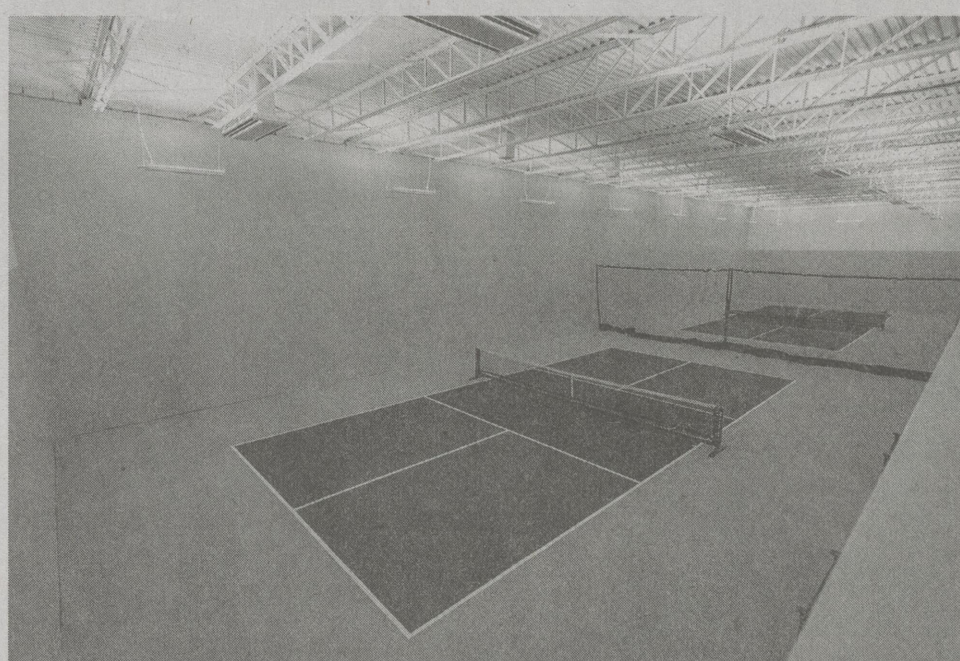
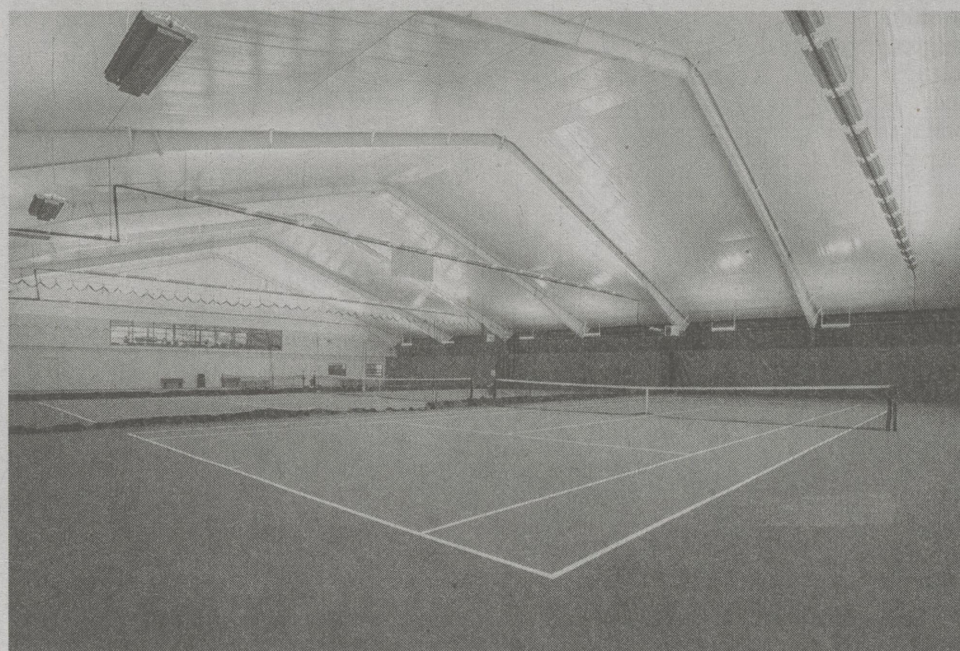
"We're actively looking into it," Cooney said.

For more information on tennis or pickleball at Woburn Racquet Club, call 781-933-8850 or visit the club's website at <https://www.woburnracquetclub.com/>

Tracy (johntracytennis@gmail.com) and Graziosi (rongwrc@gmail.com) can also be reached via email.



▲▼ Recently, Woburn Racquet Club resurfaced all 10 of its tennis courts. (Courtesy photos)



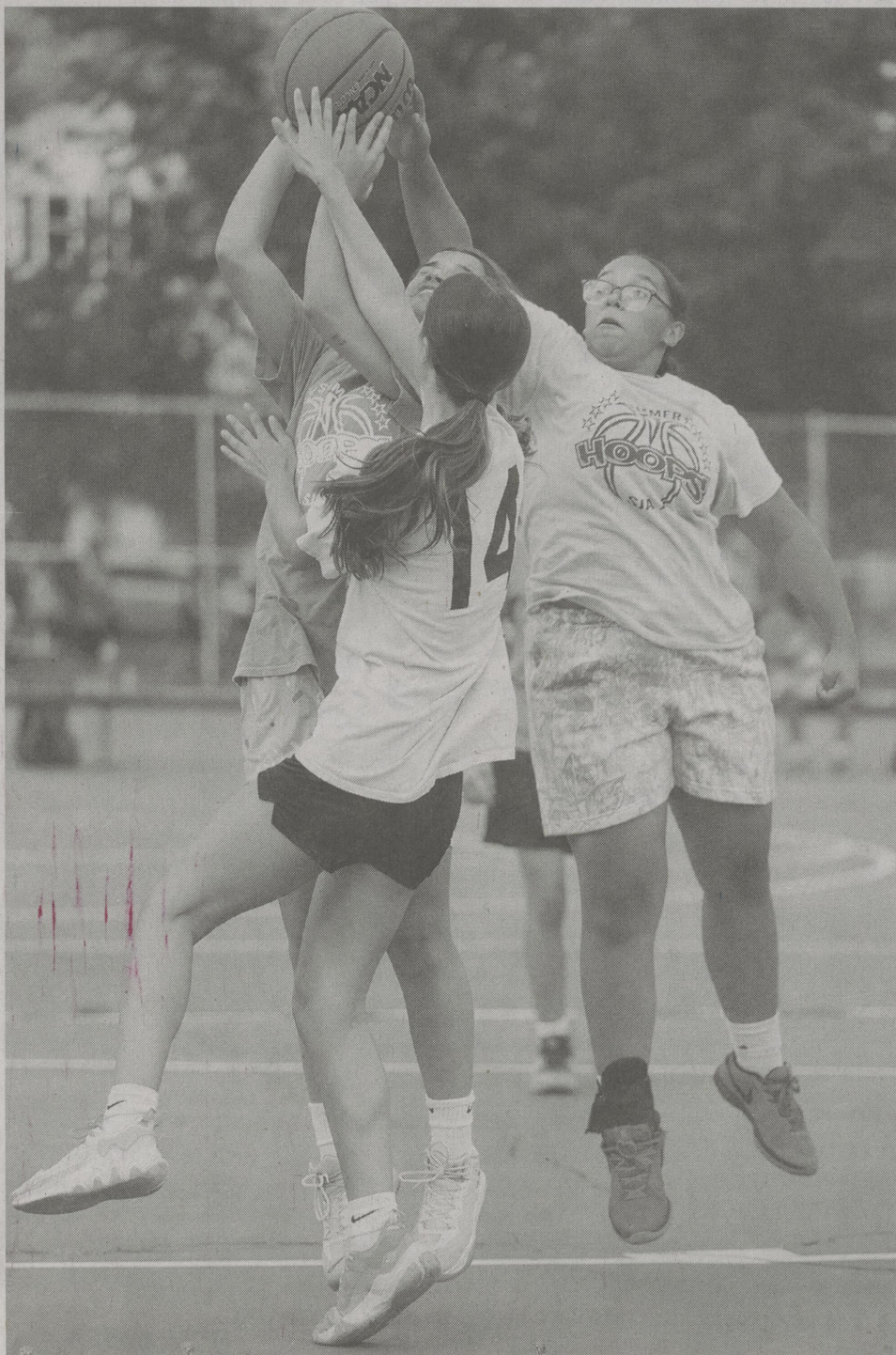
▲ Two new pickleball courts have been a nice addition to WRC. (Courtesy photo)



▲ Hope Didonato eyes the basket after making a rebound during Tuesday's SJA summer basketball league game at Fr. Maguire Park in Lowell. (Credit Image: James Thomas)



▲ Erin Langone of the Rams goes up for a layup while defended by Kyra Patenaude of Mill City during Tuesday's SJA summer basketball league game at Fr. Maguire Park in Lowell. (Credit Image: James Thomas)



Shawsheen Tech girls win summer league

Rams dominate final two playoff games to claim title

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The Shawsheen Tech girls basketball team won the summer championship in Lowell last week by a 36-19 score against Hogan's Heroes.

In the semifinals, Shawsheen beat Mill City 31-16. Laylah Gomez of Billerica had 13 points to lead the Rams.

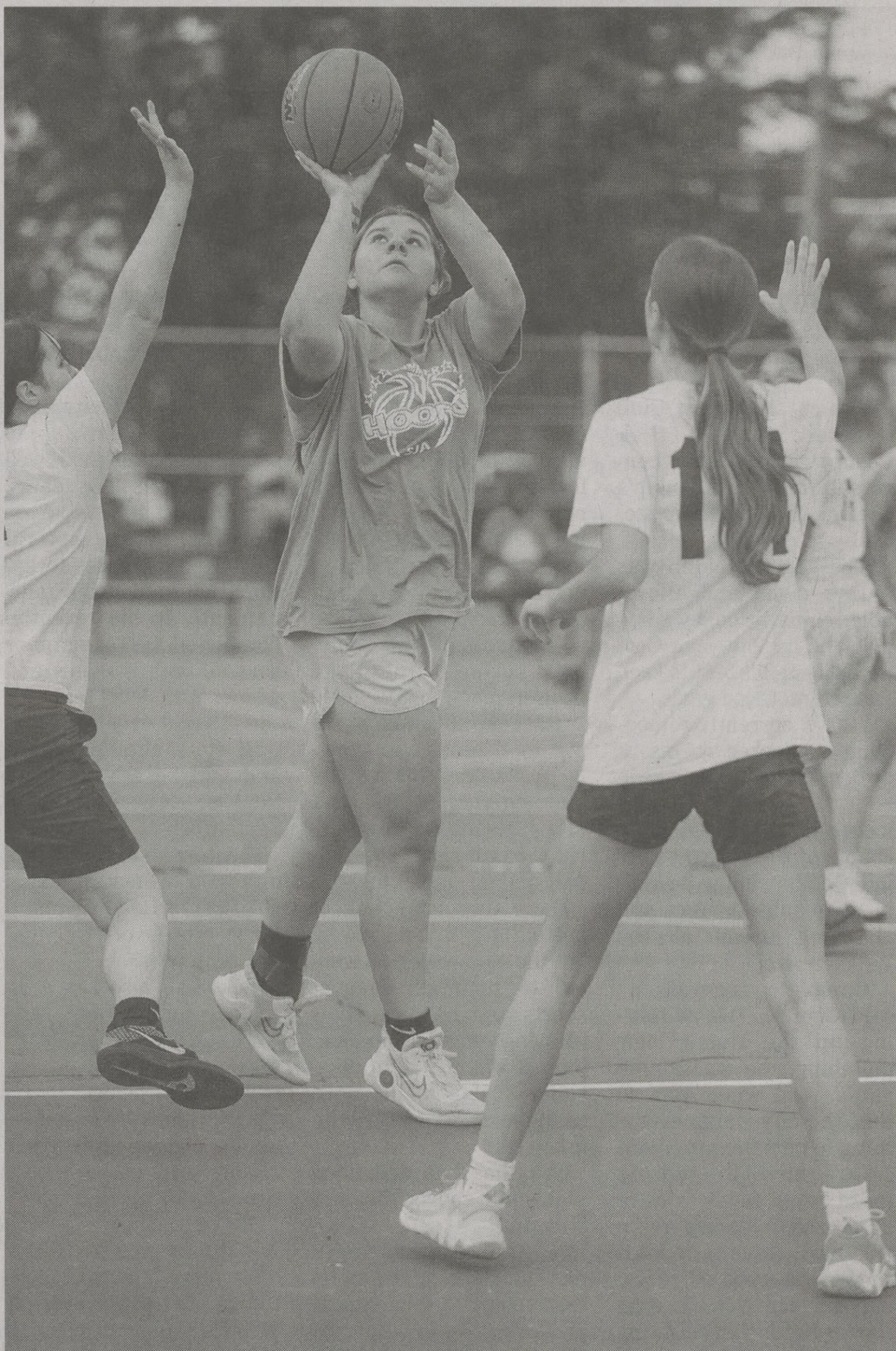
Erin Langone, Kenzie Weatherbee, Jailyn DiNuccio and Kristal Wells of Wilmington were also members of the championship team.

From Tewksbury, Mya Powers was a member of the team while other Billerica girls included Jenna Brown, Hope DiDonato, Maria Cafaro, Meg Legaski and Paige Nickerson.

"These girls went 12-0 this summer," the team's coach Lindsay Weather-

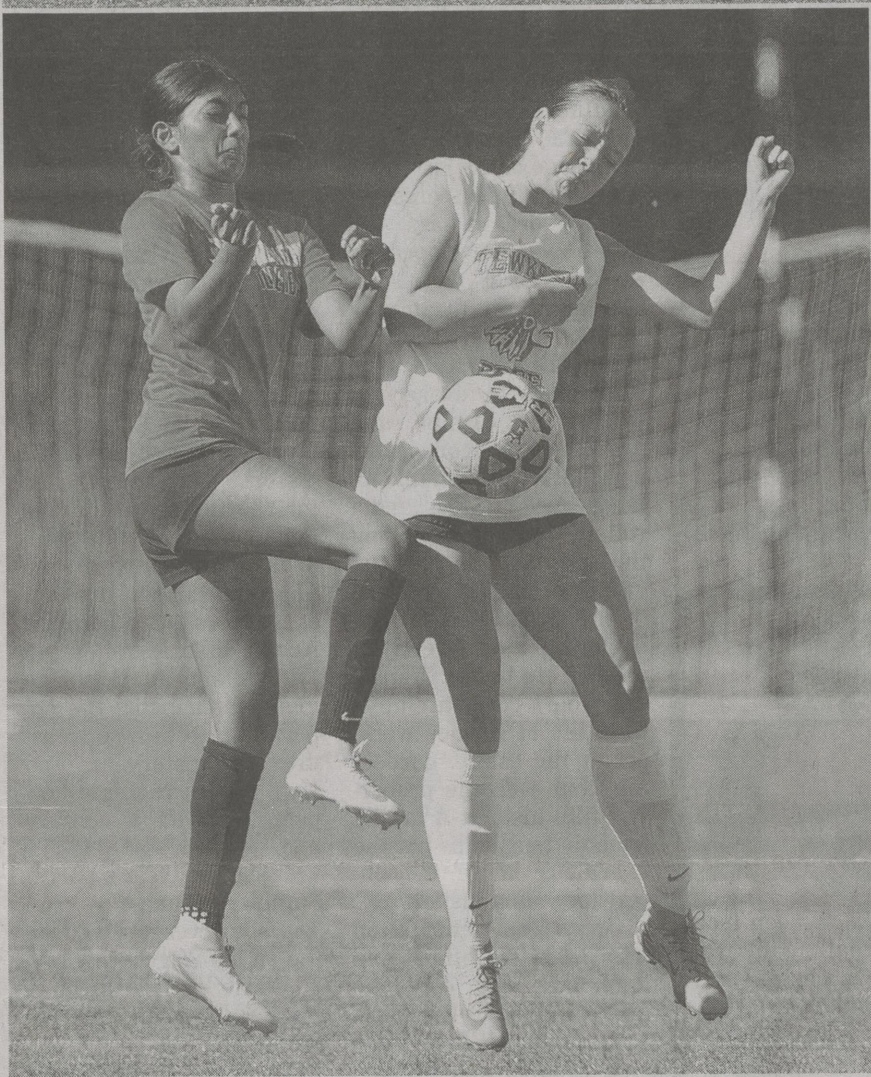
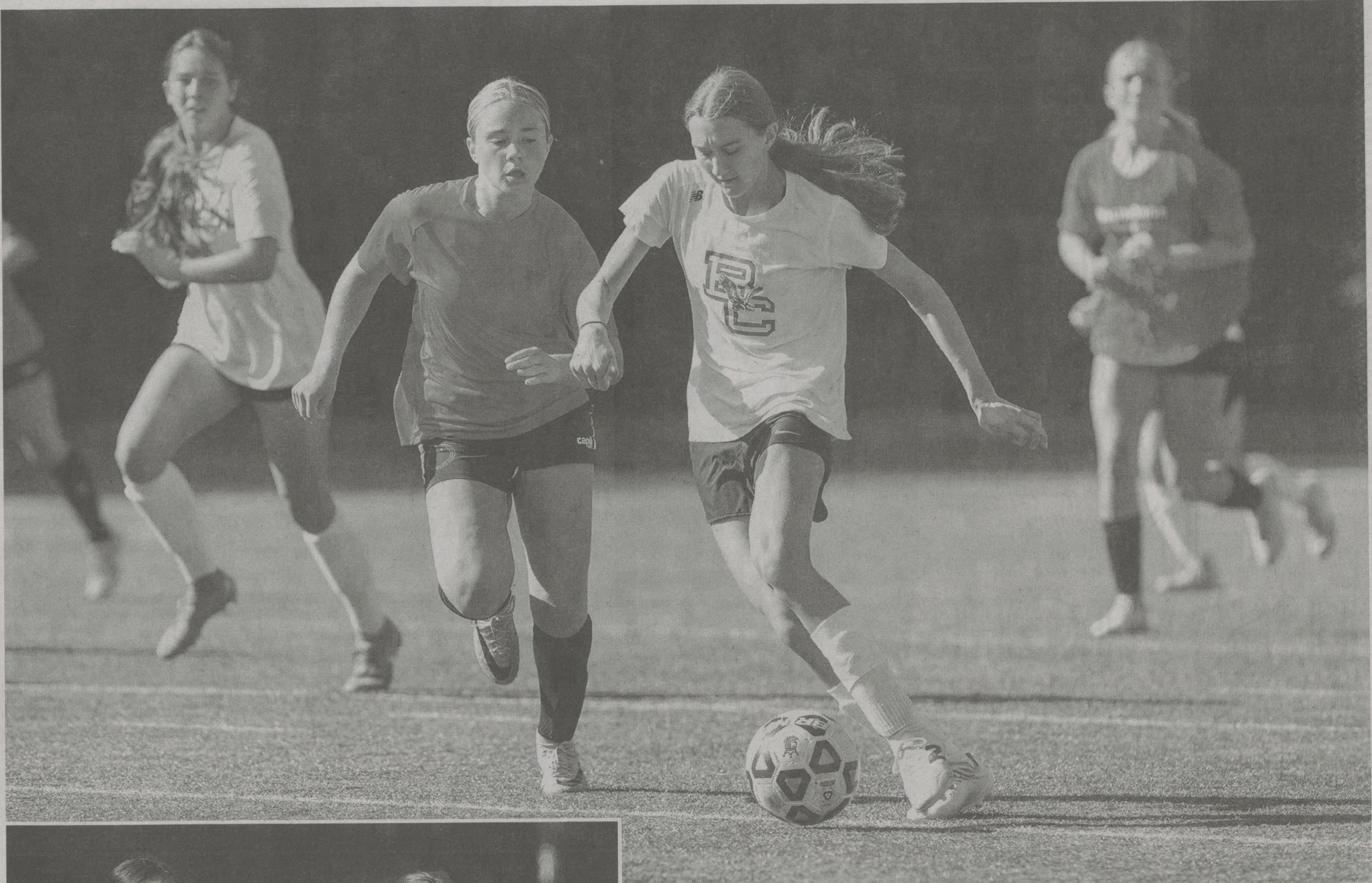
bee said.

"Proud is an understatement. Their love of the game blows me away. I couldn't be happier for their accomplishments this season. It has been a privilege to coach such a great group of ladies for the past three years of summer league. They always make it to the playoffs. I'm beyond proud and I couldn't do it without my partner in crime, Melissa Cafaro."



▲ Erin Langone of the Rams looks to the basket while defended by Koree Geoffroy, left, and Kyra Patenaude during Tuesday's SJA summer basketball league game at Fr. Maguire Park in Lowell. (Credit Image: James Thomas)

◀ Maria Cafaro, left, battles through a foul by Mill City's Kyra Patenaude, front, and Mollie Fenlon during Tuesday's SJA summer basketball league game at Fr. Maguire Park in Lowell. (Credit Image: James Thomas)



**Tewksbury
boys &
girls
soccer
teams
ready for
season**

The fall sports seasons at Tewksbury High are ready to go and the boys and girls soccer teams have been hard at work preparing for action.

(Photos by James Thomas)

Lifestyle

SUMMER AT THE CRANE ESTATE IN IPSWICH



▲ The Rose Garden at Castle Hill offers plenty of botanical inspiration for horticulture lovers. (Rosalyn Impink photo)

By ROSALYN IMPINK
News Correspondent

As summer winds to a close, take the opportunity to get back to the seaside and explore one of the finest historic properties in New Eng-

land — the Crane Estate in Ipswich. The 2,100-acre property, operated by the Trustees, includes Crane Beach, Castle Hill, and the Crane Wildlife Refuge, and was once a saltwater hay farm. One of the last great American homes preserving the era of jazz, the estate was developed in the early 1900s as a summer home for the family of industrialist Richard Teller Crane, Jr.

Designed to evoke the estates of Europe, the property incorporates a Stuart-style mansion, landscaped gardens, and a rolling lawn overlooking the Atlantic.

Several tours are offered of the Great House, each exploring a different aspect of life in the Cranes' era. Tours cover architecture, life of service workers at the estate, gardening, and even the property's film history. A family friendly tour helps put the enormous house in context for young visitors. Hidden gems abound on the property, offering a look into the elegance and opulence of the early 20th century. Only married couples and unmarried women were allowed to stay at the Great House as guests; bachelors took up residence at the Casino down the hill, an Italian-inspired complex that included four guest rooms, a billiards room, and a saltwater swimming pool. It's easy to imagine the fun that guests enjoyed on warm summer days while visiting the Cranes. The estate's iconic gardens are ornate and elegant, offering a calming place to stroll and reflect. The Italian Garden, which stood in for Paris in the 1919 film version of "Little Women," was modeled after traditional Eu-

ropean gardens and was designed by the sons of Frederick Law Olmsted.

The Rose Garden, designed to emulate ancient ruins, presents a romantic colonnade encircling a fountain and carefully selected plantings.

A summer highlight is the Roaring Twenties Lawn Party, held for its 11th year this August.

The popular event hosts thousands of vintage and historical enthusiasts for a bring-your-own picnic on the Grand Allée, complete with social dance lessons, jazz music, historic lectures, and antique automobiles. Attendees bedeck themselves to the nines in flapper dresses, suspenders and other Jazz Age accessories.

A vintage marketplace gives participants the opportunity to browse treasures of yesteryear, and lawn games recreate how people played a century ago.

Missed this year's party? Summer concerts run Thursday evenings through the end of August, inviting guests to enjoy a night of music as the sun sets over the ocean.

The Crane family prized conservation, and hundreds of acres of land were preserved across several islands as a haven for birds and other wildlife. Today, Choate and Long Islands are popular spots for kayakers to explore trails, stone walls, and former farm houses.

Once a year, the Trustees run a ferry service for non-paddlers to visit the islands, complete with historic and ecological talks.

The Crane Estate makes for an enjoyable seaside escape. Learn more and reserve a pass at www.thetrustees.org/the-crane-estate/.

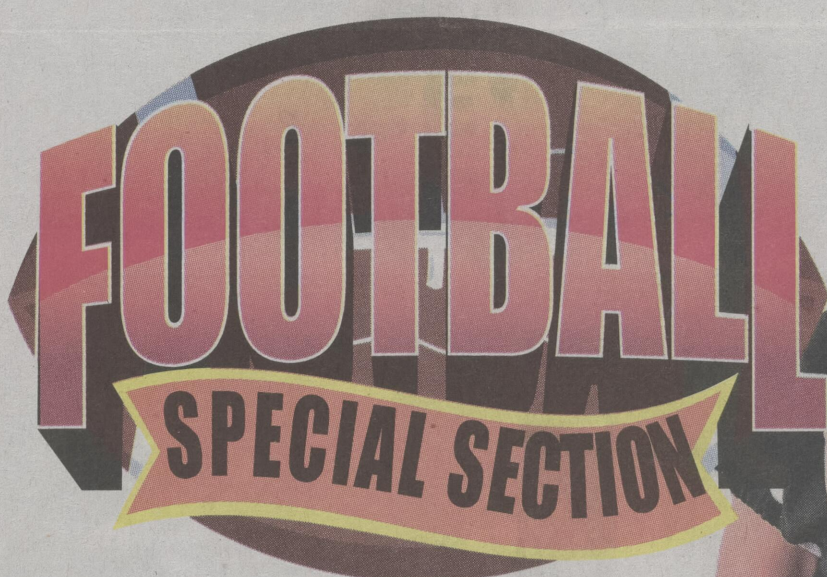


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▲ Antique cars on the cliff above Crane Beach at Castle Hill. (Rosalyn Impink photo)

Audit reveals oversight failures at Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

BOSTON — State Auditor Diana DiZoglio's Office released an audit report of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), reviewing the period from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023.

DESE is responsible for overseeing the education of children from prekindergarten through grade 12 in Massachusetts.

Among the audit's findings is that DESE did not ensure that it received and investigated reports of child abuse and neglect involving licensed educators. Failure to enforce the terms of its memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Department of Children and Families (DCF), establish reliable data-sharing practices, and follow up on incomplete information compromised DESE's oversight responsibility. DESE failed to fulfill its obligation to investigate supported allegations of abuse or neglect involving licensed educators or applicants.

As a result, individuals who pose a risk to student safety could remain in classrooms or educational settings without appropriate review or disciplinary action.

The audit also found DESE did not investigate and resolve special education complaints within the federally required 60-day timeframe. Delays in investigating and resolving special education complaints prevent students from receiving the timely support and services they are entitled to under federal law, which may negatively impact their educational progress. These delays can also leave families feeling frustrated and unheard, eroding trust in DESE's complaint resolution process.

Moreover, the audit found DESE did not ensure that school districts implemented special education corrective action plans within the timeframes it established. When corrective action plans are not implemented in a timely manner, students may continue to experience delays or gaps in receiving spe-

cial education services.

This can negatively impact educational progress and deny students the remedies they need for previously identified areas of noncompliance.

Furthermore, the audit found DESE violated its MOU with the Massachusetts Commission on LGBTQ Youth by:

- not issuing a required annual communication to school leaders on creating safe and supportive environments for LGBTQ students.

- not delivering a required presentation on LGBTQ youth to the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE).

- not ensuring that school districts that requested Safe Schools Program (SSP) LGBTQ trainings received them.

This can reduce the effectiveness of efforts to create safe and supportive school environments and increase the risk that LGBTQ students do not receive adequate protections and support.

The audit also found DESE did not oversee the use of special education settlement agreements, including the use of non-disclosure clauses, by school districts. This lack of oversight significantly impacts DESE's ability to assess compliance with federal and state special education laws, monitor equitable treatment across school districts, or identify reoccurring issues that might warrant further investigation.

Finally, the audit found DESE did not ensure that charter school trustees signed conflict of interest material acknowledgment forms and submitted required financial disclosure forms. Without these documents, there is an increased risk that potential or actual conflicts of interest may go undetected and unaddressed, influencing decision-making in ways that are not in the best interest of students, families, or the public.

Additionally, DESE's lapse in enforcing these requirements undermines accountability, reduces

public trust in the oversight of charter schools, and results in noncompliance with state ethics laws and policies.

"The Commission appreciates the Auditor for her devotion to intersectional inclusion across the Commonwealth," said Shaplaie Brooks, executive director of the Massachusetts Commission on LGBTQ Youth. "We are committed to continuing our collaboration

with DESE and we remain hopeful regarding their continued support for the Commission, their ongoing efforts to promote and ensure inclusive professional development for their districts, and most importantly, their commitment to ensure that all students across the Commonwealth have access to inclusive and intersectional education that is accurate and equitable. We remain

excited to see the fruit of this partnership even in these challenging times in our country."

"Every child deserves a strong start and a fair chance at success," said Auditor DiZoglio. "That opportunity has been put at risk due to several issues that require urgent and consistent attention at the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Each day these challenges

go unaddressed is another day a student may miss out on the supports they need to be able to reach their highest potential. DESE has already begun to address some of the issues we raised to them throughout this audit report and that work must continue to ensure all children, regardless of their family background, bank balance or zip code, are fully supported and protected."



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Rep. Moulton calls for Trump Admin. to fund local communities' emergency preparation and response

ESSEX — Congressman Seth Moulton met with emergency management directors from across the MA 6th Congressional District to discuss Trump Administration cuts to Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and Department of Transportation (DOT) climate resilience programs. The cuts sever a lifeline of funding for elevating roads, rebuilding seawalls, repairing culverts, nourishing dunes, and preventing wildfires across Massachusetts.

"No district is more beautiful than Massachusetts' 6th. From the Merrimack Valley down the North Shore, we're surrounded by vibrant communities, historic sights, and breathtaking vistas," said Congressman Seth Moulton (MA-06) "But, climate change is threatening our region with strong storms and recurrent droughts. With severe weather, we've seen communities flooded and burned, businesses destroyed, homes damaged, and travel brought to a grinding halt."

"Several towns I represent have seen their FEMA grants cancelled and DOT applications ignored. Right now, with Trump Administration cuts, we are not prepared. If a hurricane were to hit here this fall, 2 out of every 3 residents that pick up the phone to call for disaster aid would not get their phone call answered. That's what happened in Texas, that is unacceptable, and that is why we have to fight to

see this funding restored."

"Today we spoke about the PROTECT grant, which is directly tied to resilience planning for transportation. Essex is literally split in half by the Essex River, and in a major flood, one side of town could be cut off from emergency services," said Brendan Zubricki, Town Administrator of Essex. "Working with MassDOT, we applied as co-applicants for a study of the causeway that connects our community across the state highway. We felt our application was exceptionally strong, but now the program has been put on hold and our community's safety is at risk. We are grateful to Congressman Moulton for helping highlight how vital grants like these are and for fighting to secure the funding our communities need."

"Our communities are at risk of losing critical BRIC funding for a regional project that protects the main electrical transmission line powering all of Cape Ann. Without this culvert project, the entire region is vulnerable. We have a \$4.5 million BRIC grant on the line, and without federal support, this project and projects like this simply will not get done. Municipalities are struggling with aging infrastructure and limited resources, and federal investment is essential to protect our residents and our future. We are grateful to Congressman Moulton for helping spread the message about how vital

FEMA funds are to communities like ours and for being a strong partner for Cape Ann and Massachusetts," said Tony Barletta, Town Manager of Manchester-by-the-Sea.

"Federal grant funding is the lifeline of Massachusetts' emergency management system. The Emergency Management Performance Grant alone makes up half of MEMA's operating budget and serves as the sole source of funding for many local programs across the state. Without it, the system cannot function. On top of this, the loss of 20% of FEMA's workforce is deeply concerning. Local, state, and federal agencies must build a strong, reliable partnership, and that requires FEMA at full strength before, during, and after disasters," said Christian Cunnie, Government Affairs Advisor, International Association of Emergency Managers (Region 1).

The North Shore and Merrimack Valley are on the front lines of climate change, where recurrent droughts and wildfires rival rising seas and stronger storms to threaten homes, businesses, and critical infrastructure. FEMA programs such as Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities and Hazard and Flood Mitigation Assistance have long bolstered local efforts to protect communities.

DOT's Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-saving Transporta-

tion Program (PROTECT) provides funding to ensure surface transportation resilience to natural hazards including climate change, sea level rise, flooding, extreme weather events, and other natural disasters through support of planning activities, resilience improvements, community resilience and evacuation routes, and at-risk coastal infrastructure.

All of these programs have been eliminated by the Trump Administration.

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What's in my bag? An expert dermatologist's on-the-go essentials

(BPT) - StartFragment-->When you're constantly juggling work, school, and home responsibilities, it's easy to overlook your own well-being. But neglecting self-care can quickly lead to burnout, ultimately throwing your entire routine off track.EndFragment-->

Dr. Gabriela Soza, Manhattan board-certified dermatologist and mother of two young children, knows firsthand how challenging self-care can be when you're on-the-go. That's why she recommends preparing a bag to carry all your essentials while you're out and about.

But, what counts as an essential item? While those exact items may vary from person to person, Soza offers an easy organizational system.

"When organizing my must-haves, I tend to break them down into three core categories: health, wellness and skincare to freshen up throughout the day," she said. "Once you've curated your items, use a removable bag insert or pouch to store them. That way, whether you choose a tote bag, backpack or large purse, you can easily transfer your essentials from bag to bag."

Read on to learn about Soza's personal "must-have" recommendations.

1. Health

Hand sanitizer: As a healthcare professional, Dr. Soza knows firsthand about the importance of hand hygiene. That's why she emphasizes the importance of keeping hand sanitizer to reduce the risk of getting sick or spreading germs.

Soza recommends finding sanitizers that also moisturize your skin to prevent your hands from drying out, like Touchland's Hydrating Hand Sanitizer.

Water bottle: Hydration is the key to good health, including healthy skin. To prevent dehydration and ensure you have access to water all day, Soza suggests carrying a water bottle in your bag. Pick out a water bottle that has a secure top so you can throw it into your bag without worrying that it will spill over. Fill it up before you leave the house and refill it as needed.

2. Skincare

SPF: Whether you have an extensive or bare-bones skincare routine, SPF products should always be on your essentials list. Even if you put on sunscreen before leaving the house, you'll need to reapply throughout the day.

Dr. Soza's personal pick is Neocutis Réactive+. This antioxidant serum offers broad spectrum SPF 45 to protect against skin-aging free radicals and harmful sun damage that causes premature skin aging.

"For over a decade, I've been continuously impressed by the consistent efficacy of Neocutis products," said Soza. "As a dermatologist who constantly evaluates skincare for both myself and my patients, I appreciate that Neocutis prod-

ucts, such as Réactive+, are research-backed and actively support the skin's collagen, elastin and hyaluronic acid, all while protecting the skin from free-radicals and harmful sun damage."

Eye cream: The delicate skin under your eyes can have trouble retaining moisture. To keep your under-eyes hydrated throughout the day and reduce the appearance of fine lines and wrinkles, make sure to include an eye cream in your essentials.

Choose a hydrating and brightening cream like Neocutis Lumière® Firm as a midday pick-me-up. Its advanced aging formulation moisturizes delicate skin while also improving firmness, elasticity and texture. Lumière® Firm is also designed to reduce puffiness, making it the perfect solution for moms on-the-go who need a quick and effective refresh.

Facial mist: During a hot day, it's hard to keep your makeup looking good while beating the heat. That's why it's a smart idea to keep a facial mist on hand to freshen up!

Soza suggests finding a mist with skincare benefits that can be applied throughout the day like Avène Thermal Spring Water Spray. With just a few spritzes your skin will be soothed, letting you look and feel your best from morning to evening.

Lip balm: Lip balm isn't just for hydrating your lips. Of course, its main purpose is to keep your lips moisturized and protected, but it's an incredibly versatile weapon in your on-the-go arsenal. Soza's "do-it-all" lip balm is Aquaphor as it can also tame flyways, hydrate dry cuticles, and quickly fix a dry skin patch.

3. Wellness

Headphones: Physical health items aren't the only essentials you need to pack. Dr. Soza advises keeping a pair of headphones in your bag to give yourself a private escape. It's a great way to center yourself with music, podcasts or audiobooks, even in public places. For example, she listens to music to relax when she's commuting or in between patients.

Immunity stick packs: If you haven't used immunity stick packs before, it's time to start! As a new mom, Dr. Soza knows how important it is for moms to bolster their immune system, especially if they have small children.

She advises searching for your favorite flavored, pre-portioned stick packs that have vitamin C, electrolytes, zinc and antioxidants to help ward off colds year-round.

What's in your bag?

No matter how busy your day is, you can give yourself the tools you need to support your health, wellness and skin. Using Soza's essential recommendations, you can ensure you always have what you need to take care of yourself, even during your busiest seasons.



Top 5 things you need to know about Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists

(BPT) - When you or a loved one undergoes a surgical procedure, it can be overwhelming. Many healthcare professionals comprise the surgical team to ensure your well-being throughout the process. Nurses are among those who make a big impact on your quality of care. One type of nurse who may be involved in your surgery and pain management is a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA), also known as a nurse anesthesiologist or nurse anesthetist. CRNAs are advanced-practice registered nurses who play a critical role in safe surgeries, airway management and making patients comfortable and pain free.

"Because of their unique experience in critical care nursing and advanced training in anesthesia care, CRNAs are qualified to improve patient outcomes in all healthcare settings where anesthesia is delivered," said President of the American Association of Nurse Anesthesiology (AANA) Jan Setnor, MSN, CRNA, Col. (Ret.), USAF, NC. "Thanks to their specialized skills, rigorous education and expertise in advanced patient assessment, CRNAs have expanded the nation's critical healthcare workforce by providing expert, compassionate care for the whole patient. Being a CRNA is a highly meaningful and fulfilling career."

In honor of National Nurses Week, celebrating the contributions and sacrifices of everyone in the nursing profession, here are five facts about how CRNAs make a difference for patients.

Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists:

1. Are advanced practice registered nurses who put patients first - and practice with a high degree of autonomy and professional respect. They're trained to practice without supervision in all settings, including hospital surgical suites, ambulatory surgery centers (ASCs), offices of dentists, podiatrists, ophthalmologists, plastic surgeons and pain management specialists, plus U.S. military, Public Health Services and Department of Veterans Affairs healthcare facilities.

CRNAs are qualified to make independent judgments regarding all aspects of anesthesia care based on their education, licensure and certification. They are educated and trained to make moment-to-moment adjustments and judgments to handle any complications that may arise with any anesthetic procedure, including pain management procedures. They are also the only anesthesia professionals with critical care experience prior to beginning their formal anesthesia education.

CRNAs safely administer over 58 million anesthetics to patients each year in the U.S. Nurse anesthetists deliver comprehensive care using all accepted anesthetic techniques including general, regional, sedation, local and pain management.

2. Require extra years of training and

certifications - The education and experience required to become a CRNA is extensive, totaling a commitment of eight years or more in both clinical and educational experience. Today's CRNAs enter the workforce with a doctoral degree, have a license as a registered nurse (RN) and/or APRN in the U.S. (or its territories), plus a one-year minimum of full-time work or part-time equivalent as a registered nurse in a critical care setting in the U.S., its territories or a U.S. military hospital outside the United States. CRNAs must receive their doctoral degree from a program accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs (COA).

3. Provide safe, high-quality, patient-centered care - Reassuring and comforting patients before, during and after medical procedures is what makes CRNAs so unique. This level of highly patient-centered care is especially crucial in fields like pediatric healthcare, where CRNAs are a vital part of providing anesthesia care for patients. Pediatric anesthesia care is a complex field that requires specialized knowledge, skill and sensitivity to the needs of young patients.

Whether through pioneering new anesthesia techniques such as using ultrasound-guided airway management, improving pain management strategies or mentoring the next generation of anesthesia providers, CRNAs are driving innovation, improving patient care and enhancing safety protocols, making them essential to the future of healthcare.

4. Bring anesthesia services to settings that would otherwise lack them - In many rural areas in particular, access to healthcare can be limited. CRNAs are the primary providers of anesthesia care in rural America, representing over 80% of the anesthesia providers in rural counties.

Many rural hospitals are critical access hospitals that rely on independently practicing CRNAs for anesthesia care, and half of U.S. rural hospitals use a CRNA-only model for obstetric care, often saving patients long drives of 75 miles or more to receive needed healthcare services.

5. Make healthcare more cost-effective - because CRNAs are the most versatile and cost-effective anesthesia providers who are fully trained and qualified to work in any practice setting. While still a highly rewarding career, CRNAs offer a lower staffing cost, have proven safety records, and are not required to practice under a physician anesthesiologist.

Nursing is among the nation's most trusted professions, and CRNAs are proud to be part of that public and patient trust. Nurse anesthesiology continues to be one of the safest, most innovative fields of science today, with CRNAs bringing the best in overall patient experience.

Learn more about CRNAs or how to become a CRNA at AANA.com/about-us/about-crnas.

Mooney (From page A6)

family situations. It is important that you receive personal advice related to your specific situation and estate planning needs from qualified professionals.

About the author: Attorney Susan M. Mooney, is a partner in the law firm of Dalton & Finegold, LLP. She has been a practicing attorney for thirty-seven (37) years. She received her law degree, summa cum laude, from New England Law/Boston in 1987 and undergraduate degree from the University of Massachusetts. She is admitted to practice in Massachusetts State and Federal Courts and the Supreme Court of

the United States.

Nothing contained in this article is intended as legal advice specific to your personal situation. Please consult an estate planning or elder law attorney of your choice to review your personal planning and circumstances.

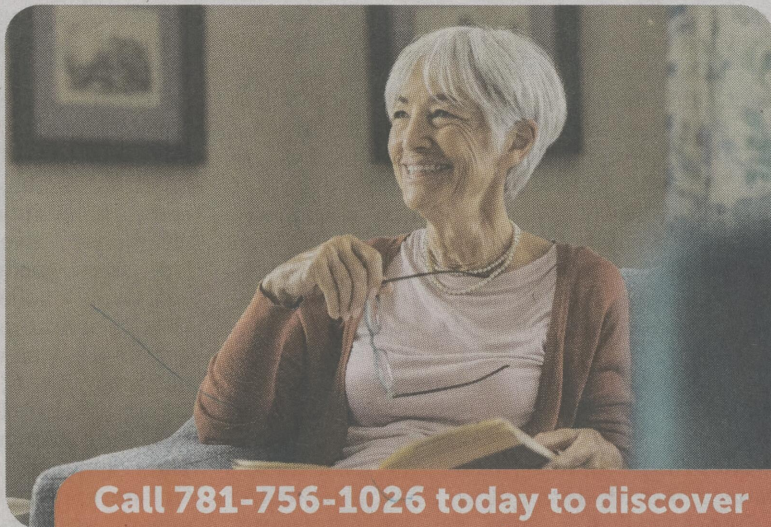
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Healey-Driscoll Administration launches nation-leading plan to protect nature and wildlife

BARNSTABLE — The Healey-Driscoll Administration unveiled a 25-year plan to protect and restore nature across Massachusetts. The plan, known as the Biodiversity Conservation Goals for the Commonwealth, is designed to rebuild nature, sustain the health and well-being of residents, improve access to fresh food and enhance the overall quality of life and economy for everyone.

Governor Maura Healey made the announcement at Mass Audubon's Long Pasture Wildlife Sanctuary, where local leaders and supporters gathered to celebrate this historic commitment in one of Cape Cod's most valuable ecosystems, Barnstable Great Marsh.

The Administration also announced Massachusetts' intention to join the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) to deepen the state's commitment to national and global leadership on conservation. Massachusetts will be the first state to join. Massachusetts is also one of three states to join in the United Nations High Ambition Coalition for Nature and People.

"Our lands, waters and wildlife are at the heart of what makes Massachusetts so special. They shape our identity, drive our economy, promote public health and support the way of life we value," said Governor Healey. "Protecting them isn't optional — it's essential. This is Massachusetts' opportunity to lead. Through partnership and innovation, we are ensuring that we

stay competitive, attract new talent and create a strong future for our residents."

"Strong local economies are built on the foundations of healthy communities. When we protect our coasts, forests and open spaces, we help Massachusetts grow," said Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll. "This is about ensuring lasting opportunity and well-being for the people who live and work here."

"Nature is our first line of defense against the impacts of climate change — the more biodiverse our forests, wetlands, and marine environments are, the more resilient they are," said Climate Chief Melissa Hoffer. "With this plan, Commissioner O'Shea and his team are leading a model effort to protect the nature that protects us. We are also thrilled to be the first state to join the IUCN, and to be kicking off our innovative Biodiversity Partnership, with Audubon as our initial partner. Vision, collaboration, and innovation — that's how Massachusetts leads and I could not be prouder of the Commonwealth's leadership!"

Launched by Gov. Healey's Executive Order No. 618, the Massachusetts Department of Fish & Game engaged state agencies, municipalities, Tribes, and community partners to develop this whole-of-government approach. This is the first time a state has comprehensively set biodiversity targets for 2030, 2040, and 2050, including for coastal and marine habitats. Notably, this sets ambitious targets

to restore 75 percent of our most important habitats for wildlife by 2050.

"We are seeing real changes across the state — more flooding, longer droughts and growing strain on the natural systems that people rely on every day from clean water and fertile soil to healthy fish and wildlife," Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Rebecca Tepper. "A long-term plan to protect these resources is essential. It's how we keep our water safe, our farms productive, and our communities strong. Acting now helps us avoid much higher costs in the future and ensure a better quality of life."

"Biodiversity — the abundance and variety of life — is the foundation for life. Despite its critical value, it is declining at an unprecedented rate. It's a quiet crisis — in just one generation, we have lost over 3 billion birds in North America, seen the decline of iconic species like Atlantic cod, and rarely see once common and beloved wildlife like the monarch butterfly in our backyards," Commissioner Tom O'Shea. "The time for action is now — Massachusetts is proud to launch this nation-leading effort to protect and restore nature for the benefit of all."

The plan is structured around four key goals — Protect, Restore, Sustain, and Connect — each defining specific strategies for action by 2030, 2040, and 2050. The plan also includes governance and innovative funding models to drive action.

PROTECT

- **Protect Land and Water:** Preserve 30% of Massachusetts' lands and waters by 2030 and 40% by 2050, focusing on the most important habitats for wildlife.

- **Safeguard Key Habitat:** Protect over 425,000 acres of essential habitats.

- **Create Safe Wildlife Crossings:** Establish natural corridors that enable safe movement and access to food for fish and wildlife.

- **Care for our Oceans:** Support designation of Cashes Ledge National Marine Sanctuary, a vital habitat for fish and marine mammals.

- **Reduce Pollution, Pesticides, and Plastics:** Implement community-driven initiatives to curb pollution, clean up plastics and marine debris, reduce pesticide use, and safeguard local ecosystems.

RESTORE

- **Revitalize Essential Habitats:** Restore 75% of the most important natural environments by 2050.

- **Enhance River Ecosystems:** Remove over 10% of obsolete dams and restore fish passage in all coastal watersheds by 2050.

- **Safer Communities:** Upgrade 2,500 culverts by 2050 to support wildlife, while also reducing flooding risks.

- **Restore Marine Habitats:** Restore salt marshes, eelgrass, kelp, oyster, and artificial reef to support our blue economy and sustainable fisheries.

- **Accelerate Nature Based Solutions:** Cut the green tape to fast-track projects that have immediate ben-

efits for biodiversity and resilience through streamlining permitting and reduce costs.

SUSTAIN

- **Support Local Food Initiatives:** Foster local farming, foraging, and fishing practices to strengthen food security.

- **Boost our Blue Economy:** Invest in working waterfronts and marine habitat restoration to sustain and grow Massachusetts' seafood industry.

CONNECT

- **Nature in the Neighborhoods:** Build community gardens, parks, and green spaces in every neighborhood to bolster wildlife and pollinator populations.

- **Inspire Future Generations:** Launch Nature in the Schools initiative to engage young people in environmental stewardship through schools and community programs.

- **Nature At Work:** Identify gaps, licenses, and trainings needed to launch the next generation of the conservation and restoration workforce. Develop targeted Career Innovation Pathways for high school and vocational-technical programs.

To kick off this initiative, Massachusetts is launching a new public-private Biodiversity Partnership to protect the state's land and water, with Mass Audubon as the first partner. Mass Audubon is making a \$5 million investment to support Massachusetts in achieving the "30 by 30" goal of safeguarding 30 percent of our natural areas by 2030.

"The release of the Hea-

ley Administration's nation-leading biodiversity goals for Massachusetts is a huge and important step in protecting nature and addressing the dual threat of climate change and biodiversity loss. Nature is not only the lowest cost solution to clean our water and our air and address climate change, it's also a joyful prescription to so many things that ail us," said Mass Audubon President & CEO David O'Neill. "We are committed to working with Governor Healey and her Administration to drive this forward-thinking strategy to meet its ambitious goals, and to serve as a hopeful model for the nation."

Additionally, the state is investing \$4 million from capital funding, part of which will go towards establishing the Local Biodiversity Grant Program. The program will provide funding for municipalities, Tribes, non-profits and community organizations to enhance conservation efforts as well as for marine habitat restoration.

The Administration's recently proposed Mass Ready Act also includes \$370.5 million for land protection and biodiversity. It also includes \$20 million dedicated to advancing the Biodiversity Goals for the Commonwealth. The Mass Ready Act also includes \$5 million to restore important marine habitats to support our blue economy, sustainable fisheries, coastal resilience, and carbon sequestration.

Gov. Healy files \$2.45B supplemental budget

BOSTON — Governor Maura Healey filed a supplemental budget bill to strengthen Massachusetts' financial standing amid national economic uncertainty and end Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25) with a balanced budget. The legislation appropriates \$2.45 billion in gross spending, at a net cost to the state of \$947 million after revenue offsets, to address deficiencies and meet time-sensitive budget needs as Massachusetts closes the books on FY25.

This bill invests in the state's future by depositing \$125 million into the Stabilization Fund and deploying excess FY25 Fair Share surtax to support implementation of the Student Opportunity Act.

In addition, the bill creates a new Economic Resiliency and Federal Response Fund, seeded with FY25 excess capital gains

revenues, to ensure that the state remains fiscally resilient against the negative impacts of federal budgetary and policy decisions.

"With this legislation, we are controlling spending and ensuring that our state budget remains responsible, while also strengthening our ability to weather economic unpredictability coming from Washington," said Governor Maura Healey. "The funds in our supplemental budget bill will help Massachusetts improve our competitive edge in life sciences, support our world-class education system, and maintain safety in our communities. I appreciate the Legislature's consideration of this bill and our ongoing partnership in making Massachusetts more affordable and growing our economy."

"Now more than ever,

Massachusetts communities need to know that they can count on our administration to protect the state resources that fund our schools, our transportation networks, our hospitals and so much more," said Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll. "This closeout budget bill makes sure that the state meets our financial commitments to our residents, cities and towns, while responsibly shoring up our savings accounts and building our reserves."

"Alongside the FY26 supplemental budget bill we filed in early July, this closeout puts Massachusetts in the strongest possible financial position to enter a new fiscal year at a time of high economic uncertainty," said Administration and Finance Secretary Matthew J. Gorkowicz. "By proposing a new, flexible funding

source that draws on excess FY25 capital gains, and by investing in the state's Rainy Day Fund, this legislation prepares Massachusetts to better manage potential volatility on the horizon. I want to thank our partners in the Legislature for their ongoing, shared commitment to supporting Massachusetts' preparedness and fiscal stability."

This bill closes gaps in the FY25 budget for state services such as universal free school meals and care at public health hospitals. It also proposes a limited amount of new spending, including \$20 million for the Massachusetts Life Sciences Center, \$20 million to drive the state's tourism economy during the 2026 World Cup, and \$5 million in grants to reproductive health care providers to help ensure access to care, including for MassHealth members.

In FY25, Massachusetts collected \$2.98 billion in revenues from the voter-approved Fair Share surtax, which exceeds our spending threshold by \$1.7 billion. This bill proposes transferring \$150 million in excess Fair Share to the Student Opportunity Act Investment Fund, supporting implementation of the SOA in Massachusetts communities to continue supporting students and educators.

The administration is also proposing several outside sections in this legislation, including a provision that would return to the historical practice in place prior to enactment of the Work and Family

Mobility Act (WFMA) of allowing the RMV to make public its driving records that detail history of motor vehicle violations, with new guardrails included to protect privacy and prohibit broad non-driver specific requests.

Governor Healey also filed language that aligns with recommendations made by the Special Commission on State Institutions, including a proposal to make state institutional records over 75 years of age public. The goal of these provisions is to make institutional records easier for loved ones and historians to access while respecting patient privacy concerns.

Due to uncertainty surrounding federal permitting and tax credits, the bill also proposes more flexibility in the state's timeline for offshore wind procurements in response to changing market conditions. The supplemental budget extends the deadline for the state to contract for 5,600 MW of offshore wind from 2027 to 2029. Additionally, the budget removes the requirement that a solicitation be conducted every 24 months.

Another outside section in this bill will expand the state's Department of Public Health authority to decouple immunization recommendations and requirements in Massachusetts from federal standards if necessary to preserve public health. Under this language, if the federal government fails to maintain a robust schedule of vaccine recommendations, DPH can set

independent standards for Massachusetts.

The bill would also set Sept. 1, 2026 as the statewide primary election day, ensuring that the Secretary of State can meet all state and federal ballot deadlines.

The largest cost addressed in this supplemental budget is for services provided by MassHealth in FY25. This legislation provides \$2.05 billion gross for MassHealth at a net cost to the state of \$539.7 million after federal reimbursements.

This closeout supplemental bill also appropriates:

- \$162.7 million for a reserve to cover costs accrued by Massachusetts Sheriffs
- \$75 million for housing preservation and stabilization
- \$60.7 million for snow and ice removal
- \$18.5 million for public health hospital operations
- \$12 million for Universal School Meals
- \$7.2 million for Department of Correction (DOC) Facilities operations
- \$6.8 million for the Clean Water Trust Fund
- \$3.5 million for State Police operations
- \$700,000 for the Suffolk County District Attorney
- \$20 million for the Massachusetts Life Science Center
- \$20 million to support costs associated with hosting the 2026 World Cup
- \$6.8 million for the Clean Water Trust Fund
- \$5 million for direct supports to reproductive health providers at risk of losing federal funding

Local residents graduate from URI

KINGSTON, RI — The University of Rhode Island celebrated more than 3,500 of its newest alumni during the University's 2025 Commencement. Nearly 3,600 undergraduate degrees and 600 graduate degrees were conveyed to students during the ceremonies which took place May 16-18, 2025.

Among the graduates were:

- **Katelin Stone** of Wilmington graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Geology and Geological Oceanography and a Bachelor of Science in Marine Biology

- **Owen Surette** of Wilmington graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in Finance and a Bachelor of Science in Busi-

ness Administration in Supply Chain Management

- **Abigail Hansbury** of Tewksbury graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Students who received the honor summa cum laude graduated with a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.7; students who received the honor of magna cum laude graduated with a GPA of at least 3.5; and students who received the honor of cum laude graduated with a GPA of at least 3.3.

To view ceremony highlights, visit: uri.edu/commencement/y2025/.

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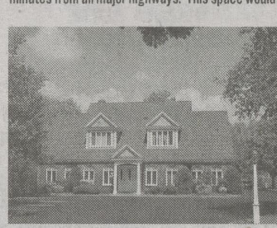
whose members are connected by a common quest for knowledge. As a global education leader and the state of Rhode Island's flagship public research institution, URI offers distinctive opportunities designed to meet the global challenges of today's world and the rapidly evolving needs of tomorrow.

Founded in 1892, URI now enrolls more than 18,000 students and offers more than 200 degree programs across nine schools and colleges. As a land- and sea-grant institution, URI is a key driver of economic development in Rhode Island and contributes significantly to the health and vitality of the state, the New England region, and the nation.

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INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

Docket No. ES25P2504EA

Estate of:
Rhoda Eberle
Date of Death: July 3, 2025

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Annmarie Roark of Chelmsford MA a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Annmarie Roark of Chelmsford MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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CITATION ON PETITION FOR
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Docket No. MI25P4142EA

Estate of:
Robert J. Tonello
Date of Death: 10/13/2024

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by

Jaclyn P. Sousa of Wilmington MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: Jaclyn P. Sousa of Wilmington MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 09/11/2025.

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WITNESS, Hon. Terri L. Klug Cafazzo, First Justice of this Court.

Date: August 14, 2025

Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate

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CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. MI25P4459EA

Estate of:
Harold P. Stalker
Date of Death: 07/03/2025

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by

Shelly M. Stalker of Tewksbury MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: Shelly M. Stalker of Tewksbury MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration

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WITNESS, Hon. Terri L. Klug Cafazzo, First Justice of this Court.

Date: August 22, 2025

Tara E. DeCristofaro,
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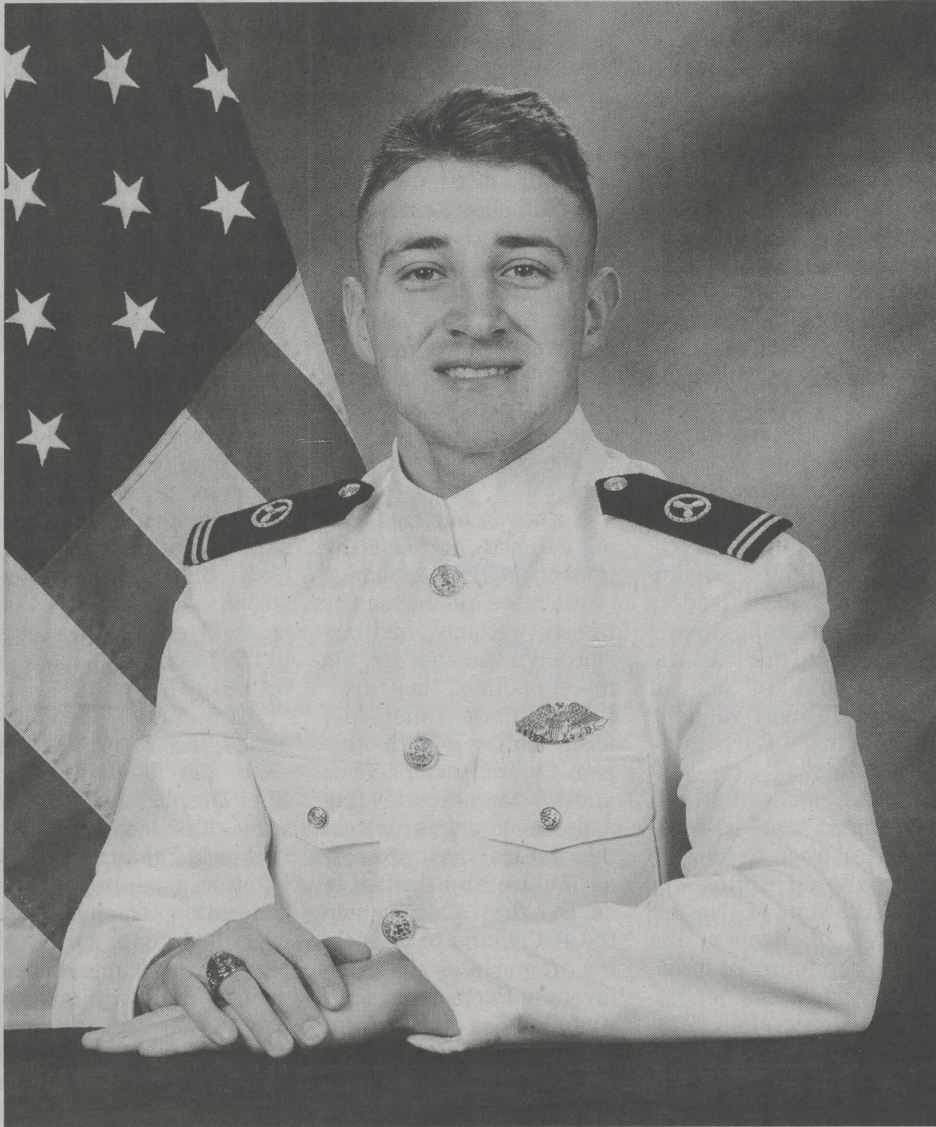
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Wilmington's Prigmore graduates U.S. Merchant Marine Academy

KINGS POINT, NY — Liam James Prigmore of Wilmington recently graduated Cum Laude from the prestigious United States Merchant Marine Academy (USMMA) at Kings Point, NY. Prigmore earned a Bachelor of Science degree and a commission in the U.S. armed forces. He also earned a Merchant Marine officer license, qualifying him to serve as an officer on any ship in the U.S. flag merchant marine.

The United States Merchant Marine Academy is one of five U.S. federal service academies. It educates and graduates licensed Merchant Marine officers to serve the nation during peace and war. In addition to the rigorous academic and physical requirements for admission, applicants must be nominated by their Congressman or Senator. Prigmore was nominated by Senators Ed Markey and Elizabeth Warren and Congressman Seth Moulton.

All USMMA graduates incur an obligation to serve the United States. The U.S. Flag Merchant Marine — manned exclusively by American mariners — is essential for securing the country's commerce in peacetime and delivering warfighters, weapons, and military supplies in times of conflict. The majority of "Kings Pointers" serve for eight years as Navy reservists in the Strategic Sealift Officer Program while working aboard U.S. flag vessels; others will serve on active duty in



▲ LIAM JAMES PRIGMORE

(Courtesy photo)

our nation's armed forces.

By virtue of their elite training and real-world experience, graduates are ready to go on day one in service of American military strength and economic power. As part of his four year education, Prigmore spent one year training as a cadet aboard ocean going vessels.

The Academy welcomed

Secretary of Transportation Sean P. Duffy as the commencement speaker.

Secretary Duffy told the graduates, "The mission you all are about to embark on could not be more important at this very moment when our nation confronts conflict in the Middle East. Whether it's the Strait of Hormuz or the South China Sea, there

are rough waters ahead. You will find yourself in harm's way. And you do it for your country."

Dedicated during WWII, USMMA has since served the nation in both peace and war. Learn more at www.WeAreTheUSMMA.com

For more information about the Academy, visit <https://www.usmma.edu/>.



Tewksbury Friends of the Elderly

Joe Gill, Donna Gill, Jim Harmon, Joan Unger Harmon, and Sandy Creamer represented the Tewksbury Friends of the Elderly at the Tewksbury Community Market last week. Contact the Tewksbury Senior Center to grab a calendar raffle card, learn about trips and exercise classes, join a club, or take advantage of a health screening. There are many great activities at the center like pool, a walking club, support groups and more! Check it out at www.tewksbury-ma.gov/459/Council-on-Aging or call 978-640-4480.

(Paige Impink photo)

Students named to Dean's List at Saint Anselm

MANCHESTER, NH — Saint Anselm College has released the Dean's List of high academic achievers for the second semester of the 2024-2025 school year. To be eligible for this honor, a student must have achieved a grade point average of 3.4 or better in the semester with at least 12 credits of study which award a letter grade. This semester there were a total of 674 students from 22 states and 4 countries.

Mark W. Cronin, Dean of the College, announced that the following students have been named to the Dean's List for the spring 2025 semester at Saint Anselm College, Manchester, New Hampshire.

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• Garrett Alberti, Finance Major
• Robert Elliott III, Business Analytics Major
• Grace Walsh, Exploratory

ABOUT SAINT ANSELM COLLEGE

Founded in 1889, Saint Anselm College is a four-year liberal arts college providing a 21st century education in the Catholic, Benedictine tradition. Located in southern New

Hampshire near Boston and the seacoast, Saint Anselm is well known for its strong liberal arts curriculum, the New Hampshire Institute of Politics, a highly successful nursing program, a legacy of community service and a commitment to the arts.

Students graduate from UMass Amherst

AMHERST — Approximately 5,000 students received bachelor's degrees in over 100 majors at the University of Massachusetts Amherst's Undergraduate Commencement on May 16, 2025 at the McGuirk Alumni Stadium.

Below is a list of students from your area that received a bachelor's degree from the University of Massachusetts Amherst:

- Peter J DiAdamo
- Landrick Reyes Diaz
- Emersyn K Foresyth
- Joe Mark Ganley
- Anja Yvonne Jensen
- Alexa Kelley
- Leila F McLaren
- Katherine McLaughlin
- Shane Penney
- Nicolas Calogero Piazza
- Annika Therese Reddivari
- Steven Wanis
- Evan Casimir Witalisz
- Christopher Charles Wong

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SPECIAL PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on September 8, 2025 at 7:00 PM in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by Wayne Cacciola for a Family Suite Special Permit pursuant to

Section 7.1 of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw to construct an addition to the single family dwelling for a family suite as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at 94 North Street, Assessor's Map 48, Lot 83, zoned Residential.

The application may be examined on the Planning Board webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

Stephen Johnson, Chairman

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Executive order signed by governor in October of 2023

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Springs Road in Bedford will be utilized, as will the former Fitchburg Courthouse, the former Boston State Hospital campus in Mattapan, the Chelsea Veterans Home, and the surplus 23-acre South Campus of Salem State University.

An executive order was issued in October of 2023 by Governor Maura Healey as part of a "multi-pronged, whole-of-government approach to meeting the challenges that the currently limited housing supply creates for Massachusetts residents and employers." The order instructs an inventory and evaluation of vacant or underutilized land.

One of the larger projects in the pipeline is the abandoned Monson Developmental Center. Formerly an almshouse in 1854, the property has been abandoned since 2012 like many state facilities. Plans are for 100 acres to be developed for housing while additional acreage will be preserved for farming, commercial use, and open space.

Other locations flagged include Oak Bluffs, New Bedford, MCI-Concord, the Lowell Superior Court building, and surplus land at Bridgewater State University.

For more information, visit www.mass.gov/info-details/state-land-for-homes-initiative.



New Boston Street Bridge coming along

The New Boston Street bridge construction project in Woburn remains in full swing as can be seen from the Wilmington side of the site. The bridge can be seen with a wooden safety fence along its edges. (Joe Brown photo)

Reading reports two mosquito samples positive for West Nile

READING — The Town of Reading Health Department has been notified that two mosquito samples collected in Reading on Aug. 14, 2025, have tested positive for West Nile Virus (WNV). As a result, Reading's risk level has been upgraded from LOW to MODERATE. No human cases have been reported at this time.

West Nile Virus is most commonly spread to people through the bite of an

infected mosquito. While the risk of serious illness is low, all residents are urged to take precautions to protect themselves and reduce mosquito breeding sites in their neighborhoods.

Residents are advised to take the following precautions:

- **Be prepared:** Stay informed by visiting the Town of Reading Health Department webpage. Repair window and door screens, and eliminate

areas of stagnant water such as bird baths, buckets, and unused pools.

- **Cover up:** When possible, wear long sleeves and long pants outdoors, especially from dusk to dawn.

- **Protect children:** Use mosquito netting on baby carriages and playpens.

- **Use repellent:** Apply mosquito repellent when outdoors, particularly during peak activity times (dusk and dawn). Choose products with EPA-regis-

tered active ingredients such as DEET, Picaridin, or Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus.

- **Dump standing water:** At least twice weekly, empty containers that may collect water.

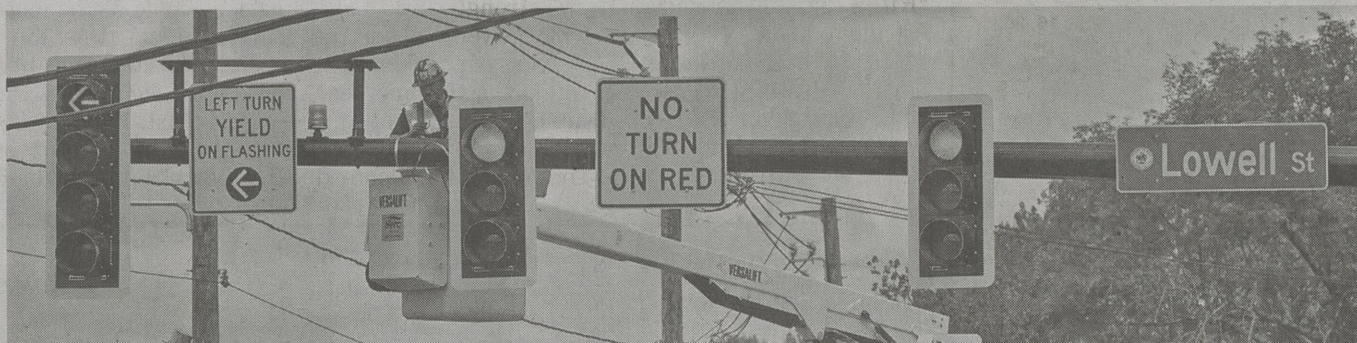
The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) and East Middlesex Mosquito Control Project will continue surveillance and monitoring in the region.

For more information and updates, please visit

<https://www.readingma.gov/207/Public-Health-Department>.

Additional information about WNV and reports of current and historical WNV virus activity in Massachusetts can be found on the MDPH website at: www.mass.gov/dph/mosquito.

To see Reading's risk level check the link here: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/massachusetts-arbovirus-update>



Light it up

A worker in a cherry picker makes adjustments to the traffic signal lights at the corner of Woburn and Lowell streets in Wilmington recently. (Joe Brown photo)

School Committee still searching for permanent supt.

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position with a technology collaborative during his time in Walpole, and he looked forward to serving on the SEEM Board.

Dr. Jenn Bryson shared an update on the committee's search for a permanent superintendent. She explained that their work

with the Massachusetts Association of School Committees began over the summer. They sent out an invitation seeking interest for stakeholders to serve on the screening committee, and the form would remain open until Sept. 12. Then they would assemble the screening committee and go from

there. Mercaldi wondered about the process for the interim versus the permanent search.

Bryson suggested that the permanent search would involve more forums and opportunities for the community. The candidate profile to be developed would also be different than that of the interim search. There would still be review of applications, discussion, creation of a short list, and in-person interviews for the search committee, and she said that the time commitment would be fairly similar to that of the interim search.

Chair Jesse Fennelly shared appreciation for the work done over the summer with these searches and contract negotiations.

In subcommittee reports, Turner reminded each subcommittee to come up with their schedule and frequency of meetings.

Lastly, Thomson shared

fice team, and members of the fire and police departments. He mentioned that this is done annually to assess whether schools are ready to be occupied,

school. He said that the schools are ready for occupancy.

The committee's next meeting is scheduled for Sept. 10.

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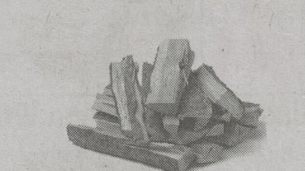
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▲ Roy Crane's 1955 Austin Healey 100 will be on display at the Antique British Car Show at the Wilmington Senior Center on Sept. 7.

▶ The USS Constitution by Alex Bellinger of the Merrimack Valley Ship Model Club. One of the many models on display at the Wilmington Senior Center in September. (Courtesy photos)

Model ship display to run alongside antique car show

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the new market," said Crane.

Crane owns a 1955 Austin-Healey 100 which he will bring to the show. The Austin-Healey Club of New England will be at the show, along with the British Cars of New Hampshire Club and the Bay State MGA Club. The show is open to the public, and there will be refreshments available including hot dogs, popcorn, and watermelon.

The rain date for the car show will be Saturday, Sept. 13.

Alongside the car show will be a model ship display inside the senior center. Crane said that the Merrimack Valley Ship Model Club will have sev-

eral models on display during September. The group, headquartered in Newburyport, welcomes members from all over the region, including virtually.

Boasting 40 members, the models are made of a variety of materials in an array of styles, including ships in a bottle, 3D printed maritime items, half hulls, and more.

For those looking to get involved at the Wilmington Senior Center, there is a senior pool club that will be starting at 1 p.m. on Thursdays. The league is running 10 weeks and encompasses Tewksbury, Wilmington, Westford and Billerica centers.

Lots of great things to do! Call the center with questions at (978) 657-7595.



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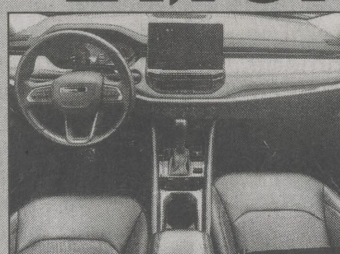
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